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THE GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON TO MEET AT TACOMA ON THE 10TH INSTANT.

WALLA WALLA, May 4.

The ninth annual session of the grand lodge of Washington will convene in the city of Tacoma, Tuesday, May 10, at 10 A. M.

Officers—Grand master, H. E. Holmes, Walla Walla; deputy grand master, J. Y. Meeker, Colfax; grand warden, O. C. White, Dayton; grand secretary, Le F. A. Shaw, Walla Walla; grand treasurer, George W. Hall, Seattle; grand representatives, John M. Swan, Olympia, and W. R. Dunbar, Goldendale; grand marshal, M. Kelly, Seattle; grand conductor, A. M. Hawkins, Snohomish; grand guardian, C. M. Moore, Olympia; grand chaplain, S. T. Valentine, La Conner; grand herald, T. Mangus, Tacoma.

Representatives—Olympia, No. 1—Olympia, No. 2—Walla Walla, H. Whistler, D. J. Crawford, John Slater, W. F. Crawford, Olive Crawford; No. 3—Seattle, J. T. Rodney, Otho Hanford, Tenzler, No. 7—Whatcom, La Fayette Smith, Wm. George; Wenatchee, No. 8—Olympia, Wm. Hoffman, Robert Marr; Seattle, No. 9—Olympia, Wm. Hoffman, D. West; Seattle, No. 10—Newcastle, No. 12—Newcastle, Wm. Bangs, I. F. Reed; Mount Vernon, No. 13—Newcastle, Townsend A. H. Tuesser, A. Wyckoff; Seattle, No. 10—Tacoma, H. G. Starr, J. H. Orr; Tacoma, No. 11—Tacoma, Charles Hanson, C. Reed; Spokane, No. 12—Spokane, C. Wright, Jr., Frank Rockford, W. Bebster, J. C. Davis; Colfax, No. 14—Colfax, Wm. Hoffman, O. E. Marshall; Goldendale, No. 15—Goldendale, R. B. Bonner, H. O. Morgan; Spokane, No. 16—Spokane, Jerome Ellis, J. W. Binkley; Spokane, No. 17—Spokane, T. Cargo, F. S. Hyde; Colfax, No. 18—Colfax, Wm. Hoffman, Robert Moore; Walla Walla, W. G. Preston, W. H. Ebert, No. 20—Ellensburg, A. Alford, A. C. Shoudy; Cheney, No. 21—Cheney, G. Wilson, Yakima, No. 22—Yakima, R. McCoy, C. J. Tait; Mt. Vernon, No. 23—Mt. Vernon, James Hanson, Versus Syracuse, No. 24—Syracuse, W. H. Ogden, Farmington, No. 25—Farmington, Wm. Hoffman, Ridgley, No. 26—Farmington, Wm. Hoffman, Ridgley; Orientals, No. 27—Orientals, Chehalis, No. 28—City, C. W. Kimball, Bernhard Bentzen; Ellensburg, No. 29—Ellensburg, A. Alford, A. C. Shoudy; Benton, No. 30—Benton, F. S. Kinney, Wm. Woodworth; Ellensburg, No. 31—Ellensburg, A. Alford, A. C. Shoudy; Pullman, J. M. Hubbard, A. J. Sheets; Whatcom, No. 32—Whatcom, Will B. Jeffers; Delta, No. 33—McConner, G. D. Wilson; Reserve Chapelette, Pacific, No. 34—South Bend, W. T. Baker, J. McDonnell, Tacoma, No. 35—Tacoma, D. Buchanan; Aberdeen, No. 36—Aberdeen, J. G. Parsons, J. A. Graham, No. 37—Whatcom, W. S. Byham; Carbon River, No. 38—Carbonado, Duncan Bell, J. C. Fairchild, No. 39—Montesano, J. M. Quimby; Tacoma, No. 40—Black Diamond, F. W. Myles, G. C. Reed; Rockford, J. Lane, J. F. Freshman; Rockford, No. 41—Rockford, J. Lane, J. F. Freshman; Rockford, No. 42—Asotin, Jacob Yeager; Wide West, No. 43—Summer, No. 44—Tacoma, J. B. Bemper; Crescent, No. 44—Tacoma, C. J. Hood, Sen., J. M. Duncan, Edison, No. 45—Edison, Jacob Harder; Prescott, 46—Prescott, Ira Stiles.

THE COURTS.

U. S. CIRCUIT.

An order was issued yesterday for twenty-four trial jurors to convene May 23. They are as follows: Monday, May 23—United States vs. Frank Burkhardt. Tuesday, May 24—United States vs. James Otey and W. F. Davis. May 25—United States vs. W. F. Thompson. May 26—United States vs. W. R. Smith and Amos Gooch. May 27—United States vs. Matthias and James Johnson.

In the case of Neal vs. Foster et al., a motion to remand was set for hearing on Monday, May 16.

STATE CIRCUIT NO. 1.

Judge Stattuck will to-day decide the case of V. K. Strode vs. H. Mosher et al. The action is to recover possession of certain lots and blocks sold at tax sale. Strode claims they are unlawfully withheld from him.

Lyman Gray vs. Andrew Larsen et al; ordered that defendant have leave to withdraw demurrer to complaint from the files and that they have until May 7 to answer.

Margaret Anderson vs. Nelson Bennett; defendant allowed until May 9, within which to answer.

D. P. Thompson vs. Willamette Steam Mills; on trial.

The following motions will be heard and passed on to-day:

P. & W. V. R. R. Co. vs. Wm. J. Abernethy et al.; motion to strike out and make more definite and certain amended answer.

F. C. Hammond vs. G. S. Morgan; motion for judgment.

D. L. Wallace vs. Charles Henry; demurrer to complaint.

Wm. Gardner vs. Isaac Gratton et al.; demurrer to complaint.

A. P. Wilson vs. P. M. & P. Co.; motion for new trial.

Elizabeth Irving vs. J. L. Sperry; demurrer to answer.

Elizabeth Irving vs. Frank Payne; demurrer to answer.

Judge Stattuck will announce decisions in the following cases:

V. K. Strode vs. Henry Washer and wife.

STATE CIRCUIT COURT, NO. 2.

Hattie A. Bowie vs. C. W. Bowie; referred to W. S. Newbury.

State vs. Thomas Fallon; plea of not guilty.

John Howell, juror, excused for the term.

F. C. Harlow vs. Celesta Harlow et al.; mandate of supreme court filed and entered affirming decision of lower court.

POLICE COURT.

The police court presented a dismal appearance yesterday. There were but three lonesome chunks in the dock, namely, W. O'Connor, Pat. Barry and Tim McLaughlin. Each was disposed of at the rate of $2. They settled up with twenty-four-hour money. Ah Joe, a small gatherer, failed to appear, and his bail of $5 was forfeited.

BAKER CITY NOTES.

BAKER CITY, May 5.

The recent failures have not injured business. Baker City has ten additions to the original town site.

The Pine creek stage is loaded every morning with passengers.

Barbee & Co. are putting another story on their handsome store.

Cattle and horse buyers are already here and stock commands a good price.

Gold dust is coming in and soon the usual abundance of loose money may be expected.

The Arlington hotel was sold last week for $1,500 cash down. The rental of the place is $100 a month.

Graham Bros. of Granite, have sold their quartz mill at Sumpter to Tabor Trask & Co. and have a similar mine, but not for sale at present.

The Front block, as it is called, will soon be one of the finest business blocks here. Every store and brick buildings are being put in place of the old wooden ones destroyed by fire.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Major Kessnith, son of the celebrated Lord, is a very extensive railroad manipulator. He is constructing the entire network of Western Indian roads.

A Chicago millionaire recently paid $1000 for a bible at a book sale. Of course, with titles at their present low figure, Chicagoans can be pardoned for some of their peculiar notions.

Prof. John Pim, a leading authority on mediæval history, who detected the forgery of the "Parnell Letter," suggested that Mr. Parnell have the letter put under the lens of a microscope.

Mrs. Louisa Knapp, editor of the Philadelphia *Journal of Home Oriental*, is said to receive an annual salary of $10,000, the largest sum paid to any woman in the country for similar work.

Prince Napoleon, who is now living in Switzerland, is occupied with his long neglected garden, which is to be a reduction of the Japanese gardens of Longchamps and Passy.

Among the Pope's Easter gifts was a ring carved from a block of the finest ivory, and presented with a ruby and diamonds. The gems were worth $30,000.

Archbishop Corrigan has followers in respect of his decision on Henry George's last theories. *Truth* makes the surprising announcement that the Stars and Stripes were freely given as a precious flower in the procession which preceded their Most Gracious Lord and Master, Leo XIII., when he entered the Vatican. Is it possible that Uncle Sam will take offense at such a compliment?

An exchange says: "The largest tunnel in the world is at Schemnitz, Hungary. It is a mile and a quarter long, ten feet high and two miles and a quarter wide, east and west. The tunnel and a quarter wide, east and west. The tunnel is thought it was begun in 1600. The object though it was begun in 1600. The object was a boodle gathering in connection with a certain considerably during the last quarter of a century.

Some of the railroad companies give interstate passes to shippers of live stock, and are said to defend this practice upon the ground that while these men are employed in the transportation of cattle and are therefore in their employ they are employes of the road. How far can the property they are employes of the road. How far can the principle of this doctrine be extended.

OREGON BEFORE CONGRESS.

An Episode of the Early History of the Northwest.

Annulling the Rights of the United States to the Territory—Compilation of Matter from Bancroft's "History of Oregon."

Between 1839 and 1837 the people as well as Congress had become comparatively well informed as to the value of the Oregon territory, its natural resources, independent of the fur trade, and its commercial position with regard to the coast of Asia. On the 16th of October of the latter year, a resolution was passed in the senate, requesting the president to inform that body at its next session of any correspondence between the United States government and any foreign power relative to the occupation of the territory of the United States west of the Rocky mountains. The president's reply, made in December, was, that since the convention of 1827 no such correspondence had taken place.

SENATOR LINN'S RESOLUTION.

The 7th of February, 1838, Lewis F. Linn, senator from Missouri, introduced a bill for the occupation of the Columbia river, the establishment of a territory north of latitude 42 deg. and west of the Rocky mountains, to be called the Oregon territory; the erection of a fort on the Columbia, and occupation of the country by a military force; the establishment of a land to the persons laws of the United States, with an appropriation of $50,000 for the purposes mentioned in the bill. This was referred to the committee on military affairs. After some discussion of the question of title, Benton procured the reference of the bill to a select committee of which Linn was chairman.

This led to a resolution that the secretary of war be requested to furnish the senate with all the information in his department relating to the Oregon territory, and with a map embracing recent discoveries of all the country claimed by the United States in the region between the Rocky mountains and the Pacific ocean. Out of a mass of material obtained from this and every other available source, Linn prepared his report, which was presented to the senate on the 31st of June. After referring to the message of President Monroe recommending that a military post should be established at the mouth of the Columbia, or at some other point within the acknowledged limits of the United States, which would afford protection to American commerce on the Pacific ocean, and his suggestion with regard to an armed frigate to explore the mouth of the Columbia and the coast contiguous thereto, for which he advised an appropriation by congress sufficient for the purpose; and after alluding to the subsequent negotiations with Great Britain, which ended in nothing definite concerning title, and after referring to the revision of Slacum, he entered on a history of the several treaties with Great Britain affecting the title, and the correspondence on the subject between the two governments having adverse claims, taking the American view of the question that the line between them could not fail below the 49th parallel.

He pointed out that the occupation by the United States of the Columbia river would secure the sources of vast wealth in the fur trade, by facilities, in trade with China, Japan and the islands generally, and with the Sandwich islands and California. He dwelt on the importance of a harbor on the northwest coast of America, where the whaling fleet of the Pacific might refit, and prophesied that direct communication between the Atlantic and Pacific would soon be opened by a canal across the Isthmus of Darien, by which the whole trade of the eastern hemisphere would be changed in its course, which would then be toward the shores of North America. He spoke of the ease with which the Rocky mountains could be crossed by the passes discovered by the fur hunters, of the magnificent scenery described by travelers, of the fertility of the soil and the mildness of the climate, testified to by various authorities. To conclude, the title of the United States was asserted by the commissioners to be beyond doubt, the possession of the country important, and delay in occupying it dangerous. The committee therefore reported a bill authorizing the president to employ in addition to the regular forces of the United States, such

PORTLAND WILL CELEBRATE.

Meeting of the Fourth of July Committee Last Night.

A Committee of Twenty one Appointed on Arrangements—General Demand for a River Illumination.

A meeting of citizens was held at the council chamber last evening to consider the question of properly celebrating the coming Fourth of July

The meeting was called to order by Mr John B Foster, chairman of the hold-over committee appointed by the celebration committee of last year, and Mr H J Corbett, secretary of that committee, read the minutes of its last meeting, held on the 12th of July, 1886, which were approved

The chairman stated that the meeting had been called to appoint a committee to consider the matter of getting up a Fourth of July celebration in this city He hoped that the result would be a good celebration The hold over committee having been appointed for the purpose of calling this meeting, its duties were now at an end and the matter of the proper celebration of the coming Fourth was in the hands of the citizens present.

On motion of Mr Wm Kapus Mr John B Foster was elected chairman of the meeting.

Mr H J Corbett was elected secretary

Mr Kapus said the first thing to be considered was, do we want to celebrate the Fourth? If so, then it will be in order to appoint a committee It was a good thing to have a celebration, but on June 1st the pioneers hold their reunion here, and the intention was to make it a grand affair, and to bring as many as possible to Portland to do honor to those who laid the foundation of the state Whether it was good policy to have two or three celebrations on hand at the same time was for the meeting to decide

Mr I R Mellis wanted to know what was likely to be the magnitude of the Pioneer celebration

Mr Kapus said that the meeting of the Pioneers held here several years since was rather a small affair, but the society had increased in numbers, and a special effort was being made to make this reunion a grand affair The Indian War Veterans and the Native Sons of Oregon had been asked to participate The question was whether it was best to have two celebrations

Mr. Corbett said he was in hopes there would be a celebration this year The river parade last year was quite a feature, and he hoped we should have something of a similar nature this year If there was money enough raised, we might have a special affair such as given at the fair by building a castle of light wood work, to be assaulted and bombarded with fireworks, and to be finally blown up by the explosion of a mine This will require considerable money, as a mine would have to be brought from the East to take charge of it but it would be something different on the usual style of celebrating the Fourth here

Mr Mellis said the attendance on the celebration last year from the country was not so large as had been expected, but the river parade had been talked of all over the country, and if a similar parade were given this year it would draw people here from all parts of the country

On motion of Mr Mellis, it was declared the sense of the meeting that a celebration be given on the Fourth of July

Mr C H. Woodard moved that a committee of twenty one be appointed to take in hand the proposed celebration carried

The following committee was chosen to meet at the call of the secretary I K. Arnold, Ben Selling Frank Woolsey, D P. Oliphant, Capt Allen, Agnes Capt Cleeve and Lockwell C A. Abely Chas F Beebe W N Dennis Cal E S Bosworth, I W Baker Sinon Hart J P Marshall, O Summers, Chas Kohn, J Silverton, E Ollendorff, J L Sessa, C E Ladd, T B Prescott and B Campbell

Mr F Dekum asked how much it was proposed to make the celebration should cost

The chairman said that the committee just elected would have full charge of that matter and would make their own arrangements He had one suggestion to make He thought no one was very anxious to have horse races now as a feature of the celebration and some had said that they did not wish to contribute to any celebration in which horse racing was made a principal feature

Several present coincided in this view The citizens present then tendered the hold over committee a vote of thanks for the able manner in which they had started the forthcoming celebration, and the meeting adjourned

THE JUNE FLOOD

A GENERAL FEELING THAT IT WILL BE IN CESSITATE HIGH

High water is predicted on all sides now as an almost absolute certainty So long has the cool, showery weather prevailed that if it were to turn off very bright and warm now a flood would be inevitable Usually, before this date, there have been several weeks of clear, warm weather and large quantities of the snow have been dissolved and passed away to the sea Vast quantities of snow are known to have fallen during the past winter in the mountains through Eastern Oregon and Washington, also Idaho and Montana. Very little if any of these stupendous masses of snow and ice has disappeared Hot weather must come soon and dissolve the snow and a repetition of the experiences of former years will be repeated A gentleman, who very recently came down from Idaho, said to a reporter yesterday "I do not believe that any of the snow which fell in the mountains last winter has been melted People up there all say that the mountains are chock full of snow. What is now in the valleys and on the plains the snow falls on the mountain ranges. Everybody knows that the general snow fall has been heavy, and every person knows that it must all go before the 1st of July The greater bulk will melt inside of three or four weeks—when it gets hot in good earnest Here it is now the 7th of May, and the entire month may come in cool and showery Even if it starts in tropical inside of a week, the water is bound to come booming No water to speak of has run out of the Snake yet. Both the Columbia and Snake will pronounce the big flow together to say nothing of the Clearwater and the other large tributaries If we don't have a flood this season, there won't be anything in appearances"

For the past few days, ending with yesterday, water at Riparia has been as follows Monday, 10 feet Tuesday 9 Wednesday, 8 7 Thursday, 8 6 Friday, 8 Saturday, 9 At Lewiston the stage of water has been Monday, 10 8 Tuesday, 10 1 Wednesday 9 Thursday, 9 Friday, 10 11 Saturday, 11 1

Beyond the Cascades there has been but little warm weather the past spring Yesterday the temperature east of the mountains was as follows Baker City, 56 Pendleton, 56 Walla Walla, 56 Umatilla, 52 Heppner, 52 Lakeview, 52 Lower Dalles, 58 Prineville, 52 Grants Pass, 58 Salem, 58 Albany, 58 Corvallis, 58 Dallas, 58 Hood River, 52 Roseburg, 58 Portland, 58

At this place the Willamette is about fifteen feet below the extreme high water mark and is slowly rising However, the rise is due to run up streams and not attributable to back water from the Columbia Throughout the Willamette valley the rise of the past week have been of a general and have produced a notice able effect in the streams, but in none of these cases have the waters generally believed that any of the low lands in the immediate basin be inundated by the rise If the present high stage of water from the Columbia Valley should reach the level and rack at Linnton to-day, all the stations below mentioned in the following table to his relatives and friends

LATER —Since the above was put in type, news reached this place that the body of Bunnel had been found not over one half mile from his home The discovery was made yesterday, May 6 about 10 o'clock, by the searching parties From appearances of the body when found, it is evident that in some way lost his footing, started to slide down the steep hill of a deep canyon, and it is supposed that in the descent he struck a tree on the hillside, which produced instant death The body was found about fifty yards below the tree, where it had lodged against a small sapling The head of the unfortunate man was apparently bruised and mangled, to cause death, and this gives reason for the theory that death was caused by collision with the tree, as life ceased The hill where the people where the body was found was very steep partly covered with snow and ice, and it would be very hard for a person when started to recover footing upon it It is now supposed that Bunnel tried to go around his horses for the purpose of driving them home, and getting too near the edge of the cliff, slipped down the hill as described The body of the deceased was in a good state of preservation owing, no doubt, to the fact of snow having fallen during the past week three being some beneath the body

The news of the body being found was brought to Joseph about noon yesterday by L J Rouse and A C Smith, who were with the parties at the time

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A NET GAIN OF SEVENTY EIGHT MEMBERS IN THE REV CLAPP'S PASTORATE OF ONE YEAR

With last Sunday closed the first year of Rev T E Clapp's pastorate over the First Congregational church of this city At this time seventeen persons united with the church, five by letter and twelve by profession During the twelve months eighty five members have been added to the church, and but seven dismissed, all by letter, making a net gain of seventy eight members during the year Mr Clapp is an earnest, able and fearless Christian minister and is possessed of much wisdom in all his ministerial and pastoral work In all departments of Christian service he has a most efficient helpmeet in the person of his devoted wife, whom to know is only to esteem most highly Altogether, the year has been one of faithful and persistent work by the church as well as the minister, and progress is noticed in many directions, of which one of the most satisfactory evidences is that greater harmony and unity of purpose exists among the membership than for some time hitherto In view of the situation of this church there is a work for it to do second to no other church in the city and under its present efficient leadership it will take a commanding place among the influences for elevating humanity in Portland

THE COURTS

STATE CIRCUIT NO 1

N A Stodder vs H Washer and others Suit for plaintiff

M Levy & Co vs C H Whitney dismissed

C H Wood vs J W Shelton and others, dismissed

Ah Mow vs Ching Wong and others defendants allowed one week to answer

F C Hammond vs G S Morgan, judgment on the pleadings

Portland & Willamette Valley Railroad Company vs W J Abernethy and others motion to strike out submitted

D L Wallace vs Charles Henry demurrer to complaint overruled defendant allowed four days answer

STATE CIRCUIT NO 2

Barbara Buckman vs Oscar R Buckman Referred to W S Newbury

POLICE

John Wyman, drunk forfeited $5 Ah Hong Tering Gwill, forfeited $5 William Cole a boy of 13 arrested recently from Denver, pleaded guilty to vagrancy and was fined $25 Tuesday of the Boys and Girls Aid Society will take charge of him and find some employment for him If properly managed, the boy will come out all right.

EAST PORTLAND LETTER LIST

Letters remaining in the postoffice East Portland, May 6 1887

WOMEN'S LIST

Atterbury Emma	Jay Mrs F I Jackson Nellie	
Brewer Mrs Nellie		
Buchman Lydia	Morris Miss Minnie	
	Meyers Mrs Mary B	
Campbell Sadie	McLean Miss Rosa H	
Case Mrs Sue	Skidmore Mrs M	
Cleveland Mrs Flora	McRae Mrs John	
Dell Miss Annie	Palmer Miss Gracie	
Logue Annie	Stevens Mrs M	
	Shoup Harriet	
Reed Miss	Thompson Hattie	
Hanson Mary	Woods and Mabel	
Harris Mrs Nellie	Workmeister Sophie	
Hayes Mrs	Workmeister Dora	

MEN'S LIST

Austin Edw	Dyen Henry	Moore M H
Alspaugh I	Dowell Overton	Monroe A J
	Domenico I	McDonald C
Bliss John G		McCall Chas
Brill Conrad	Fritz A J	
Bamford Geo	Fuller Frankie	Nash D S
Biles Ed	Police P T	
Bigger Alex		
Benjamin J H		Steinberg H C
Bone Henry	Green Chas	Shannon W
Best A J	Grandall W A	Sonn Christ
Bertschinger I	Gibson Col Garland, S	
		Taylor J B
Campora John		Thus John
Columbus Bottling Works	Bottlingbug E E	
Coulter S C	Jones L I.	Windle Jas
	Johnston J O	Wilson E
Dygert Frank	Jarrett M	Walker, James

W B WELCH P M

STEAMER MOVEMENTS

NEW YORK, May 6 —Arrived—City of Richmond, from Liverpool Ethiopia, from Glasgow, and Ems, from Bremen.

NEW YORK, May 6 —Arrived—Steamers State of Indiana, from Glasgow, Adriatic, from Liverpool, and Lessing, from Hamburg

QUEENSTOWN, May 6—Arrived—Steamer Celtic, from New York.

THE WARDNER MINES.

Views of a Well Known Business Man Just Returned.

Untold Wealth in the Gulches—Portland's Opportunity—The Necessity of a Branch Railroad from Farmington

Mr B Goldsmith returned from the Wardner mines yesterday, after an absence of about a month He is deeply impressed with their great probabilities and the rich boom to they present to Portland and this state An OREGONIAN reporter called upon Mr Goldsmith last evening at his home on Eighth and Jay or streets, and was thus enabled to give his hopeful view of the situation to the public.

"How do you reach these mines, Mr Goldsmith?'

"You leave the Northern Pacific at Hauser Junction, beyond Spokane Falls Then you take a branch line to Coeur d'Alene City From that point you take the boat to the mines, a distance of sixty miles From there you go by narrow gauge to Milo, thirteen miles, and you are within two miles of Wardner"

Mr Goldsmith is president of the Sierra Nevada Company Their mine has attracted a great deal of attention, and has produced some very rich ore They are taking out mineral right along, ten tons a day, high grade carbonate ore, which yields from 80 to 1200 ounces of silver to the ton. They have employed Prof Clayton as superintendent a well known mining expert, formerly of Salt Lake, but more recently of Portland.

"Which is the richest mine in the Wardner district?' inquired the reporter

'By all odds the Sullivan and the Bunker Hill, S G Reed's recent purchase In my opinion, and also that of old mining men from Colorado and Montana, that is to day the greatest mine in America They have a mountain of rich mineral, and the production will only be limited by the capacity of their concentrating works and the railroad that will carry the ore to the smelter"

"What are they doing towards developing their property?'

'Taking out ore and concentrating it They have, at the mine a concentrator of limited capacity, but are building a larger one at Milo When that is completed they will be able to surprise people'

'What is the population of the Wardner district"

'I should judge 4000 or 5000 The people are orderly and energetic There are many good families in there already in fact, the people are of a much better class than usually found in so new a camp Milo is a new town, where, a year before, Mr Reed's new concentrator is established Kellogg, the discoverer of the Sullivan, will soon build a fine brick hotel there"

'What is the distance between your mine, the Sierra Nevada, and the Sullivan and Bunker Hill'

"About a half mile on a direct line as the road runs, about two miles"

"How will the development of these rich mines affect Portland" asked the reporter

"If our people can continue their present will be a source of untold wealth to us But if Portland wants to secure this, she must wet herself We must show at once, and break from the O R & N monopoly in the East and in Portland would be worth to the great camp, and its every interest against a small sapling The head of the unfortunate man was apparently bruised and mangled, to cause death, and this gives reason for the theory that death was caused by collision with the tree, as life ceased The hill where the people where the body was found was very steep partly covered with snow and ice, and it would be very hard for a person when started to recover footing upon it It is now supposed that Bunnel tried to go around his horses for the purpose of driving them home, and getting too near the edge of the cliff, slipped down the hill as described The body of the deceased was in a good state of preservation owing, no doubt, to the fact of snow having fallen during the past week three being some beneath the body

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

The following special report of the real estate market is furnished THE OREGONIAN by J Fred Clark & Co, real estate agents

The transactions recorded during the week of 1887 corresponding to the past one were seventeen amounting to $48 581 Those of the past week number thirty three, amounting to $41 750 Despite the unusually inclement weather business during the week has been full of life There is strong manifestation of confidence, which makes the old timid fearful, and the young bold confident The result is seen in both orders, the "old timid" are fearful to buy or sell the young bold are ready for either proposition There are reasons warranting expectation of a far more active market than has ever been witnessed in Oregon, possibly one which may make the ancient element think Portland and Oregon have gone mad Reasons justifying this statement are obvious, and have been too often stated to require repetition Although the almost unprecedented fairness of spring warrants the assumption that we shall have higher values in the future than has been witnessed since 1876, and cold rains continue to descend neither present discomfort nor prospect of future flood appears to discourage investors or dishearten holders. There is however, as always, a rich and glorious opportunity which never in the differences between prices asked for properties adjoining each other and to all interests and purposes of equal value It is the same as if one 50 foot gold piece should be held to be worth 50, 55 or 60 per cent more than another equally round, the owner of the first wearing till he is out of breath that his gold piece is worth such percentage more than his neighbors

East Portland is showing great activity The business done in that burgh for some months past has been in excess of that of any similar period during the eight years of residence in Portland The rest fence portion of Couch's Addition, west of Fourteenth street, has shown greater animation during the present year than any other part of the city, and commands attention We believe every parcel of this city will sooner or later participate

The sales in Multnomah county during the past week are distributed as follows

Cash	
City	$ 00
	900
Total	$ 00
Cemetery	0

Deeds of transfer

Total

DAY

Mortgages

Total

Releases

Total

Building Permits

Total

Marriage Licenses

Total

TUESDAY

Deeds of transfer

Total

Mortgages

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Releases

Total

Building Permits

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Marriage Licenses

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WEDNESDAY

Deeds of transfer

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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Marriage Licenses

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SATURDAY

Deeds of transfer

Total

Mortgages

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Releases

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Building Permits

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Marriage Licenses

Total

Building Permits

In the May number are two profusely illustrated articles under the above caption giving the discovery of Pharaohs tomb and its contents From the first article we will take the photographer, we probably out of the way in which the tomb was found

Stephano the weather Mr Goldsmith what do you think of the outlook for high water?'

'There is a certain probability of a flood In any event I will have my high water Between there and Milo and Murray there is ten feet of snow on the road'

Is there any snow in Wardner'

'No But the higher peaks surrounding the town are covered"

'I suppose Wardner has had a rapid growth'

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A Col McClure Sees It

Philadelphia Times

No man better appreciates the obstacles which confront Blaine in reaching the presidency than does Blaine himself While the highest honor and civil trust of the world are ever in his thoughts by day and in his dreams by night, as is the case with every prominent presidential aspirant, it is doubtful whether he would declare himself a candidate if he were compelled to decide the question definitely to-day He is mindful of the lessons of destiny, and he cannot afford to invite another defeat. He is, therefore, hovering around the presidential field, ready to enter or retire from it as the outlook shall dictate when the candidacy must be decided He is born leader, with not only all the qualities of a great leader, but with all the tastes necessary to the ceaseless cultivation of leadership, and when Ingersoll, in his matchless speech presenting Blaine to the convention of 1876, declared him 'leader of leaders' he drew but let he upon a real license. Such a man, yet in his prime, must be ever in the fore front of party movements, and the natural assumption is that all he does is meant to promote his presidential hopes but he would lead all the same if he reached the conclusion that he is the clay of republicanism and never can be president Clay dreamed of the presidency even in the deluge of age, but Blaine younger and wiser in practical politics by the progress of a generation, will doubtless ever hope for the presidency, but take pause to consider the obstacles in his path.

The outlook of to-day is not favorable to Mr Blaine's candidacy in 1888, and unless the present political condition shall change within the next year, it is not probable that he will permit his name to be presented to the nominating convention. If he were received upon attaining the nomination *nolens volens* he would be reasonably certain to obtain it, for his power in the party, if earnestly directed to make him the candidate, would be successful even against the judgment of the more dispassionate republicans but there is every indication that Blaine does not contemplate rushing into another battle for the presidency, without reasonable prospects of a successful issue To do the chances would be greatly against him All the apprehensions of prostrated industry trade and commerce from democratic power have punished, and the finance commercial and industrial interests of the whole country are enjoying exceptional confidence and prosperity There is general and growing trust in President Cleveland in all the active channels of business of the nation and if the trust and this prosperity shall continue for another year, as now seems probable, Blaine would be weaker and Cleveland stronger with the great and controlling business interests of the country than they were in 1884

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

The following special report of the real estate market is furnished THE OREGONIAN by J Fred Clark & Co, real estate agents

The transactions recorded during the week of 1887 corresponding to the past one were seventeen amounting to $48 581 Those of the past week number thirty three, amounting to $41 750 Despite the unusually inclement weather business during the week has been full of life There is strong manifestation of confidence, which makes the old timid fearful, and the young bold confident The result is seen in both orders, the "old timid" are fearful to buy or sell the young bold are ready for either proposition There are reasons warranting expectation of a far more active market than has ever been witnessed in Oregon, possibly one which may make the ancient element think Portland and Oregon have gone mad Reasons justifying this statement are obvious, and have been too often stated to require repetition Although the almost unprecedented fairness of spring warrants the assumption that we shall have higher values in the future than has been witnessed since 1876, and cold rains continue to descend neither present discomfort nor prospect of future flood appears to discourage investors or dishearten holders. There is however, as always, a rich and glorious opportunity which never in the differences between prices asked for properties adjoining each other and to all interests and purposes of equal value It is the same as if one 50 gold piece should be held to be worth 50, 55 or 60 per cent more than another equally round, the owner of the first wearing till he is out of breath that his gold piece is worth such percentage more than his neighbors

East Portland is showing great activity The business done in that burgh for some months past has been in excess of that of any similar period during the eight years of residence in Portland The rest fence portion of Couch's Addition, west of Fourteenth street, has shown greater animation during the present year than any other part of the city, and commands attention We believe every parcel of this city will sooner or later participate

The sales in Multnomah county during the past week are distributed as follows

Cash	
City	$ 00
	900
Total	$ 00
Cemetery	0

Deeds of transfer

Total

DAY

Mortgages

Total

Releases

Total

Building Permits

Total

Marriage Licenses

Total

TUESDAY

Deeds of transfer

Total

Mortgages

Total

Releases

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Building Permits

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Marriage Licenses

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WEDNESDAY

Deeds of transfer

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Mortgages

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Marriage Licenses

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THURSDAY

Deeds of transfer

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Building Permits

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Marriage Licenses

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FRIDAY

Deeds of transfer

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Mortgages

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Building Permits

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Marriage Licenses

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SATURDAY

Deeds of transfer

Total

Mortgages

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Releases

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Building Permits

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Marriage Licenses

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Building Permits

In the May number are two profusely illustrated articles under the above caption giving the discovery of Pharaohs tomb and its contents From the first article we will take the photographer, we probably out of the way in which the tomb was found

Stephano the weather Mr Goldsmith what do you think of the outlook for high water?'

'There is a certain probability of a flood In any event I will have my high water Between there and Milo and Murray there is ten feet of snow on the road'

Is there any snow in Wardner'

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RUSSIAN PATRIOTS' PLANS

Hartman and his Countrymen Form a League.

They Predict the Speedy Death of the Czar—Moral Support for the Nihilists but no Money—John Swinton's Glowing View of Russia's Future

[Written for the Sunday Oregonian.]

NEW YORK, April 30—The 10,000 Russians in New York are deeply alarmed by the recent reports of the new treaty of extradition just negotiated between the American and Russian governments They are apprehensive that it will endanger the safety of many of their countrymen who are constantly living in this country from the czar's dominions, and they declare that if its terms were applied to those already here, hardly a man of them would be secure against extradition to Russia as a malefactor, under the charge of having been somehow implicated in some offense that could be construed as imperiling the life of his Russian majesty or some member of the imperial family The treaty, however, is not retroactive, and so there can be no interference with the refugees among us It will be in force only from the time when, having received the signatures of the czar and President Cleveland, it shall be ratified by the United States senate next winter

The Russians in New York, nine tenths of whom are Israelites, at once entered upon a strenuous struggle to secure the reject ion of the treaty by the senate For this purpose they adopted the American method of agitation, and immediately after the publication of the treaty they organized the 'Russian American National League,' which is the first Russian political society ever established in the United States and as political societies are not tolerated in Russia itself, it is probably the first organization of the kind that ever existed anywhere—excepting, of course, certain secret bodies in "Underground Russia," which escaped the vigilance of the alleged ubiquitous spies Upon learning of the formation of this league I sought an interview with its president, from whom I obtained some interesting facts and soon afterward I had an interview with another Russian, fresh from St Petersburg who declared himself as a "Russian patriot, and who has rare means of access to the inner circles of the czar's side His statements were portentous of the approach of an unprecedented political earthquake in the Russian empire Before spreading of the new American Russian league I will report some of the utterances of this "Russian patriot"

"Our country," he said "may any day become ripe for a revolution is fructive of the cruelty and the autocracy of Russia The czar is sure to be rejected until they are successful as they were in the case of his father who was blown to atoms under the dynamite of Sonya Perovski It was a narrow escape that Alexander III made a few weeks ago, and since then several other conspiracies have been unearthed, one of the chief of which was very close to his person In the event of success the elements of danger to the dynasty are at hand The czarina at the point of death from consumption, the bitter March conspiracy, which drove her, the Duchess of Cumberland, to the mad house and to the attempt of self murder, her reluctance to allow her unfeebled for she was terrified by the czar, all are symptoms that betoken evil days for the house of Romanoff The czar is a powerful man, but he is a physical wreck, with the symptoms of locomotor ataxia upon him, and his constitution is undermined by the excesses of his youth and by the terrible nervous strain of his position The czar will surely be killed by dynamite or poison, although they are intermittent and he dines out of numbers of cans, the contents of which are tested by his physicians and by officers of the household before the czar will touch them Still, the czar is very much afraid of poison, and he will not eat anything that has not been cooked in his own kitchen by his own cook, who is a Russian, and who has been in the czar's family for many years

"The czar has been about the safest man in Russia, for the conspirators knew that if they killed him Alexander III would be the successor, and he is more cruel than the czar Nicholas, and more unpopular with the army and the people Besides, Alexander III has a son, the present czarevitch, who is a favorite with the army and the people, and who is a man of character, while the present czar is a weakling, and the people and the army have no confidence in him Besides, the czarevitch is married to a Danish princess, who is a favorite with the people, and who has great influence with her husband, the czarevitch, who is a favorite with the people, and who has great influence with her husband, the czarevitch, who is a favorite with the people, and who has great influence with her husband, the czarevitch

A HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE.

Efforts to Establish this Aid to Mariners in Portland.

Visit of a Naval Officer from San Francisco—Statement of the Benefits to be Derived from the Service.

Lieut. J. B. Milton, U. S. N., who has charge of the branch hydrographic office in San Francisco, arrived here last evening on the Columbia, and is stopping at the Esmond. Prior to leaving for this city, he received from Washington a letter of instructions from which the following brief extract is made:

"Make the people of Portland understand that branch offices can only be established by congress placing the names of those ports on the appropriation for the hydrographic office. It costs about $1000 a year to defray the expense of maintaining a branch office with the return of $100,000."

Lieut. Milton stated to a reporter that the merchants exchanges in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans and San Francisco, each give, free of rent, space sufficient in their rooms for a branch office. It is found mutually advantageous as the exchange is a sort of general rendezvous for merchants, persons interested in commercial and maritime matters, masters of vessels, and others. For this reason the two should be closely connected, for the interests are kindred. An effort will be made to secure, gratis, office room in the Merchants' Exchange building in this city. If he fails, Lieut. Milton will endeavor to make arrangements to rent suitable quarters. But the core a congressional appropriation. One hundred and dollars a year is a very small sum for the government to expend when the direct benefits are so manifest and great. Beyond the mere matter of the room rent, no one is required to spend a dollar toward the establishment and maintenance of a branch office. Uncle Sam foots all the bills, and to the shipping interests accrue all the advantages. Information is furnished cheerfully to all who may be personally interested on application at the office. The following circular issued by the government in San Francisco, shows, in a brief way, what is done and the purposes sought to be accomplished:

A branch of the United States hydrographic office has been established on the main floor of the Merchants' Exchange, where all manner of information on file in the main office at Washington is at the disposal of mariners, ship masters, and all others interested in shipping, free of charge.

A complete list of all charts published by the United States Coast Survey and Hydrographic Office) together with such other as are needed for reference are kept on file, all corrected to date. Captains can compare their charts at any time, and have them corrected free of charge.

The office has a complete list of sailing directions for the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and other books of interest and use to mariners.

Exhibits of all the coasts of the world are kept on file, all correct to date. Captains can obtain a list of changes in the time of important lights, before sailing, compare their light-lists or have them corrected at any time, free of charge.

Light-lists of the United States and lists of beacons, buoys, stakes, etc., (day marks) of the Twelfth and Thirteenth lighthouse districts (Pacific coast, United States), will be furnished free upon application at office.

The main object of the office is the collection of data for the publication of meteorological charts for the ocean. Captains of vessels joining the United States hydrographic office meteorological journal will be given a set of general sailing directions, free of charge, and to all who have kept accurate journals will be given sets of their meteorological charts (in manuscript) for all, covering all oceans in which they are sailing.

Any hydrographic information concerning rocks, shoals, displacement of buoys, erection or destruction of beacons, etc., is solicited. Such information will be immediately forwarded to Washington, and credit given to persons sending it.

The time signals are received in this office over the wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company every day at noon, and the time ball dropped on Telegraph hill. The "standard time" is that of the 120th meridian time, or eight hours west of Greenwich. A standard chronometer is kept in the office, and additional space provided, so that captains and others can have their chronometers compared by the time signals at any time free of charge.

Direct appeal will have to be made to congress to have that body make a special appropriation before a branch office can be established in Portland. This object can best be reached by the united action of the senators and representative from Oregon, supplemented by the urgent support of the leading citizens and business men of the city. It has been suggested that the members of the board of trade can potently assist in advancing this good work. One of the senators for Oregon is now in the city, and it is learned that Milton has a notion to call on him at once, explain what is desired and urge his advocacy of the plan. Monday he purposes calling in person on the president and secretary of the Portland board of trade and also several of the prominent members of that organization. He sincerely hopes to be able to report progress.

Lieut. Milton will remain only a few days in the city. If he meets with the proper and deserved measure of encouragement and assistance, he expects to leave for the Sound about next Tuesday or Wednesday. From Portland he will proceed direct to Fort Townsend, where it is proposed to also establish a branch office, if the necessary appropriation can be secured.

PRESS PITH.

So long as there are dats in the world, sharps will never have much difficulty in making a living.—Burlington Free Press.

A great many of the milkmen who have had their measures sealed still supply their customers with the old quantity of milk at the old rates. They reason that the law compels them to use a sealed measure, but does not dictate the quantity to be sold to a customer.—Bangor (Me.) Commercial.

Wife (returning from matinee)—"Oh, it was too lovely! She had on a pale Nile-green silk, with bands of passementerie down the front, and the grandest diamonds you ever saw, and when she died, in the last act, she rolled over four times, and every woman in the house was crying. I never enjoyed a play so much in my life!"—Funny Folks.

Excited tenant—"See here, Mr. Rackrent, there's a spring broken through my cellar wall and the cellar is just flooded." Old Rackrent, calmly—"That so? Good strong spring?" Excited tenant—"I should say strong; we'll all be drowned if something isn't done for that spring." "Well, I don't see but that I'll have to raise your rent about $8 a month; there's nothing adds so much to the value of a house as a good water supply."—Burdette.

A Prompt Governor.

Boston Leader.

Information came to the United States attorney at Seattle that an effort would be made on last Sunday to expel the Chinese from that city. The attorney notified Gov. Semple who at once notified the sheriff to be in readiness and took such other action as that the effort was abandoned. The contemplated move had no legal ground. The contemplation that the new governor would not interfere as the former one had done to suppress lawlessness. Those following matters to suppress lawlessness. The responsibility of office makes a considerable difference. Gov. Semple is not, we doubt that is a timely one. We do not doubt that in a timely like emergency in this state Gov. Pennoyer would be issuing some very prompt and peremptory orders to the new officers of the state militia. The governor of Oregon would let Semple get quite a bit, while the governor of Washington decided to put down the rebellion. When King Henry puts on his crown he is Hal no longer, and Falstaff is banished.

THE WOOL MARKET UNCHANGED.

Boston, May 7.—The unsatisfactory tone of the wool market noticed for a long time past continues. Sales for the week were small, amounting only to 1,070,000 pounds. There were no sales of 12-months wools at prices to notice. Three-eighths wools are selling in fair demand. The sales of 12-months wools are selling in fair demand. The sales of 12-months wools are selling in fair demand. The sales of 12-months

The Oregonian.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1887.

Portland will celebrate the Fourth of July.

Portland ought to do something for the widows and orphans at Nanaimo.

Kentucky democrats thank the president for his vetoes. Their rivers have been improved.

If the reports from Coeur d'Alene are only half true, then Portland has the biggest bonanza in America if she will only go for it.

The O. R. & N. must get into the Coeur d'Alene mines. The interests of the company, of the mining country and of Portland alike require it.

Secretary Lamar refused to "eat with niggers," like the southern gentleman he is, but President Cleveland took the queen of Hawaii out to dinner.

A gentleman who left San Francisco six hours after the departure of the steamer on Thursday arrived here yesterday seven hours before the steamer.

Messrs. Goldsmith, Reed, Deflashmutt and Honeyman are not the sort of men who grow enthusiastic over porkdog. Portland must have a road to Coeur d'Alene.

Did President Cleveland take the queen of Hawaii in to dinner in order to show that Secretary Lamar is a blackguard? This, at least, is the result, whether the president intended it or not.

"Our winter wheat needs rain," is the cry repeated with increasing vehemence by farmers in Kansas, Missouri and Illinois. We have to say that *our* winter wheat here in Oregon don't need rain.

Sam Jones says "hell is selfishness set on fire." Nothing like knowing all about such things. But the definition is graphic enough. In Portland there is selfishness enough. Look out that it isn't set on fire.

Last Sunday's St. Paul *Pioneer Press* consisted of forty pages, of which twelve were devoted to real estate advertisements. Talk about a "boom!" The like of this would scare the conservatism of Portland to death.

One of the brightest ornaments of Wall street is said to have remarked recently: "Railroads are not made to carry freight and passengers; their chief purpose is to carry bonds." According to Henry V. Poor, the railroads of this country carry $3,000,000,000 of watered capital.

In Western and Southern Oregon little or no spring grain is yet sown, and gardens are not even planted. The steadiness and volume of the downpour of rain is almost without precedent. In many localities the streams are almost as full of water as at any time during the winter, and the rain shows no signs of abatement.

Two years ago Mr. T. F. Oakes bought a piece of residence property in St. Paul for sixty thousand dollars. Last week he sold the same property for one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The advance in values of real estate in all desirable localities at St. Paul has doubled in the two years. It pays to "shove a town along."

With the completion of the Oregon & California road our southern counties are certain to benefit by a large overflow of immigration from California. We are told that it is now impossible to buy any sort of land in Central or Southern California for less than fifty dollars per acre, which newcomers in thousands of instances are neither willing nor able to pay.

It is boasted by a Denver paper that Colorado, within a short time, simply by the energy of her people, has induced $80,000,000 of foreign capital to find investment within her borders. This has come in mines, in lands, in stock and in real estate and buildings. This is a good record, and it is to be regretted that there is so little disposition in Oregon to imitate it.

It is rather unfortunate that it is difficult to fix a precise date for a great centennial affair in Oregon. The difficulty is in selecting the event. Perhaps on the whole, the fittest event for the centennial commemoration would be the entrance of Gray's ship, the Columbia, into the Oregon river. This took place in May, 1792, and might be called a date from which to start the history of Oregon.

In regard to the dispute with Great Britain about the Alaska sealing grounds, it is held by the English that the jurisdiction of the United States in Alaskan waters extends only a marine league from the shore. On the other hand, it is claimed for our sealers that Alaska's waters include Behring sea. It is argued further that if the promiscuous killing of seals is permitted in Behring sea outside the three-mile limit from the mainland and islands, the seals will soon become as rare as buffaloes now are on our plains. It is said, however, that Secretary Bayard is inclined to favor the three-mile limit proposition, as he wishes it applied in the controversy between the United States and Canada over the fishery question.

THE TWO VIRGINIAS.

Recent discussion of the status of the debt of Virginia, called out by the report that the British government, in behalf of British subjects who own a large part of the repudiated bonds would ask our government to make the best good, recalls the fact that during the first session of the last congress a bill was introduced into that body to authorize the president to appoint a commission to investigate the legal and equitable liability of the government of the United States on account of "the debt due by the state of Virginia because of the partition of that state *without its consent* during the late war. The bill did not pass; but it is probable that the introduction of it gave the British bondholders the hint which has led them to the resolution to present their claim to our national government.

Ever since the admission of the state of West Virginia into the Union the claim has been set up that the congress and president of the United States exceeded their constitutional powers in dividing Virginia into two parts, thereby making two states where only one had a legal existence. The claim has been, and yet is, made that the Confederate state of Virginia, then at war with the United States, and claiming to be out of the Union, did not consent to the division. The constitution provides for the division of a state with the consent of the legislature of such state and of congress. In no other way can a new state be carved out of the territory of an existing state. It follows, therefore, that if the lawful legislature of Virginia did not consent to the formation of West Virginia no such state as the latter exists, or has ever had a legal existence.

Almost a generation has passed away since the events which led to the division of Virginia transpired. Hence the facts in that connection are measurably unknown to a large proportion of the voters of the country. Shortly after the secession of Virginia, in 1861, a convention of delegates chosen by the Union men of more than one-half of the counties of the state met at Wheeling. Assuming to represent the sovereignty of the state, that convention resolved, in effect, that John Letcher, late governor, and other state officers, had "*abdicated government*" and left the state and its people exposed to lawlessness and violence. Thereupon the convention chose Francis H. Pierpont governor, to serve until such time as a governor could be elected. Pierpont took the oath of office and immediately summoned the legislature to meet at Wheeling. A quorum of both houses responded to the summons—several of the members having been elected in the place of secessionists who adhered to the Letcher government. The secessionists in several of the Union counties also elected members to the Rich mond legislature to fill the places of those who responded to Pierpont's proclamation. Thus two distinct state governments were established on the soil of Virginia, known at the time as the "Wheeling government" and the "Richmond government." The Wheeling government adhered to the United States and was recognized by the president and congress as the legitimate government of Virginia. The Richmond government adhered to the Confederacy, which claimed Virginia as one of the Confederate states.

In 1863 the Wheeling legislature passed an act giving the consent of the state of Virginia to the formation of a new state out of Virginia territory, to be known as West Virginia; and subsequently congress passed an act admitting the new state into the Union. The letter of the constitution was strictly observed by congress and the legislature of Virginia—that is the legislature of Virginia which was recognized by the president and congress. That legislature elected senators in congress who were admitted to seats. It also raised revenues and enlisted, organized, armed and equipped soldiers for state and United States service, and passed many excellent statutes, some of which are yet enforced by the courts of the state of Virginia.

After the organization of the government of West Virginia Governor Pierpont (who had been elected by the people for the full term) removed to Alexandria, and afterward to Richmond. The present state government of Virginia is the successor of the Wheeling government. How, then, can it be maintained that Virginia was divided, or a new state carved out of her territory without her consent? Men who take that position must hold that the "Richmond government," which for four years waged war against the United States, was all that time the legitimate and lawful government of Virginia.

The ex-Confederates who hold that Virginia was divided without her consent, and in contravention to the constitution of the United States, are (if they can induce congress to adopt their views) digging a pit into which they are liable to fall, for, if they be right, no such state as West Virginia exists, its government must be blotted out, its two democratic senators must be retired, and two votes must be deducted from that party's count in the electoral college.

SCIENCE AND IMMORTALITY.

In a recent number of the *Christian Register* appears a series of brief articles on "Science and Immortality," several of them by eminent scientific men. Prof. J. P. Lesley holds that "science cannot possibly teach or deny immortality." That is, the conditions are too unlike; you can't measure thought with a yardstick. Science is the knowable, and you can't measure the unknowable by it. Prof. Lester F. Ward says that "so far as science can speak on the subject, the consciousness persists as long as the organized brain, and no longer." "The immortality of science," Prof. Ward says, "is the immortality of matter and its motions in the production of phenomena" and that with them consciousness, the product of the eternal activities of the universe, should not be confounded. Prof. James D. Dana soundly holds that there is nothing in science against immortality. Prof. Asa Gray thinks that the interpretation of nature not beyond the highest scientific consideration, that the theistic hypothesis is the best explanation of the facts, and that "immortality is a probable, but not an unavoidable inference from theism." Prof. Joseph Leidy regards no question as out of the pale of science, and he thinks the facts of science make it difficult to believe in the persistence of personal consciousness after bodily dissolution. Prof. Simon Newcomb is "inclined to regard the question as lying wholly without the pale of science, properly so-called," does not think modern investigation has brought to light any new facts bearing upon it, and that if consciousness has been a gradual development as is implied in the theory of the continuity of organic life, it "seems difficult to assign any link in the series at which we can suppose so great a break to have occurred as is implied in the passage from mortality to immortality." Prof. E. S. Morse writes: "I have never yet seen anything in the discoveries of science which would in the slightest degree support or strengthen a belief in immortality." Prof. Cope seems to regard immortality as possible in spite of apparent evidence against it, but doubts the persistence of our personality.

Dr. B. A. Gould thinks there is nothing in science that should lead to disability in immortality, Dr. Dawson, of McGill university, refers to the instinct of immortality in savage races as a "God-given feature of the spiritual nature yearning after a lost earthly immortal, and clinging to the hope of a better being in a future life." Dr. T. Sterry Hunt thinks that the "facts of modern science are rather contrary than favorable to the doctrines of a future life." Nevertheless, he believes in a conditional immortality, "the gift of God," but lacks time to explain what he means. Dr. Alfred R. Wallace says, "Outside of modern spiritualism I know of nothing in recognized science to support the belief in immortality, and though I consider spiritualism to be as truly an established experimental science as any other, it is not recognized as such." Dr. Asaph Hall thinks science gives no positive answer to questions concerning immortality, but that modern discoveries tend to strengthen the belief. Dr. Elliott Coues says "There is much in the discoveries of psychic science not only to support or strengthen the belief in immortality, but to convert that belief into knowledge." Herbert Spencer, according to Rev. M. J. Savage's recollection of a conversation with him, does not think evolution touches the problem of personal immortality either way, and he sees no satisfactory proof of the truth of the latter doctrine. President Barnard, of Columbia college, N. Y., says, "After mature reflection, it seems to me that science has nothing whatever to say to the question. The only basis of our faith in immortality must be found in revelation."

A quotation from Huxley's article in the *Fortnightly Review*, December, 1886, raised the question whether the state of consciousness associated with three-score-and-ten with the movements of a million millions of successive generations of neural protoplasm, can be continued with or due to distance which has not the proper [illegible] "matter and force." Huxley's reply is:

> As Knox said on a like occasion, if anybody can answer that question he is just the man I want to see." In connection with this and other notable expressions [illegible] publishes, the *Register* [illegible] naturally can be [illegible] is most nearly a [illegible] that science [illegible] to impossible.

SUPPOSITION ON LEE.

Gen. Sheridan, in the *North American Review* for May, takes direct issue with Gen. Lord Wolseley's opinion expressed in *MacMillan's Magazine* that "Gen. Lee towered far above all men on either side" in our war for the Union. Sherman denies that Lee was as great a soldier as Grant. He says that Lee defended Virginia to the military neglect of the Confederacy; he battled at "the front porch with the flames while the kitchen and house were burning, sure in the end to consume the whole. Only twice, at Antietam and Gettysburg, did he venture outside on the 'offensive-defensive.' In the first instance he knew his antagonist and that a large fraction of his force would be held in reserve; in the last he assumed the bold offensive, was badly beaten by Meade and forced to retreat back to Virginia. As an aggressive soldier Lee was not a success; and in war that is the true and proper test. To him Virginia seemed the 'Confederacy' and he stayed there whilst the Union armies at the West were winning the Mississippi, the Tennessee, the Cumberland, Georgia, South and North Carolina and the Roanoke and then and not till then he saw that to stay longer in Richmond was absolute suicide." Sherman says that Grant "cast his thoughts over a continent, gave minute instructions for several distinct armies from the Potomac to the Rio Grande and began a campaign equal in strategy, logistics, and tactics to any of Napoleon." Sherman calls Grant's campaign from the Wilderness to Petersburg "the sublimity of heroism." He truthfully says that Grant began the Vicksburg campaign with less numbers than Pemberton finally surrendered; that he attacked Bragg and beat him out of a position deemed unassailable. "Grant's strategy embraced a continent; Lee's a single state; Grant's 'logistics' were to transport armies thousands of miles, where Lee was limited to hundreds. Grant had to conquer natural obstacles as well as hostile armies and a hostile people." Sherman further argues that Gen. Thomas was "the peer of Lee, as good, if not a better soldier, of equal intelligence, almost the very counterpart of his friend Gen. Lee."

Like everything that Sherman says, there is a mixture of truth and exaggeration in all this. He says that "the civil war was concluded when Vicksburg, Chattanooga and Atlanta fell. After these it only remained to dispose of Lee's army, which was quickly and scientifically done." This is a sound and correct conclusion; but Sherman, while he is not more than just to Grant, is not altogether just to Lee. To say that Lee did not venture outside on the "offensive-defensive" save at Antietam and Gettysburg is not wholly true; for Lee attacked McClellan and rolled him back from Richmond to Harrison's Landing; he attacked Pope and rolled him back to Washington. Nor is it true that Lee limited his military eye to the field of Virginia, for in September, 1863, after his repulse at Gettysburg he boldly detached Longstreet with 20,000 men from his army and sent him to Bragg, who was thus enabled to inflict a terrible defeat on Rosecrans at Chickamauga. Lee was not to blame because Bragg threw away all the fruits of that great victory, which his daring stroke had made possible. In justice to Lee it must be granted that he held, took the offensive at Chancellorsville, when he knocked Hooker out with one hand while he blacked Sedgwick's eyes with the other. It is impossible fairly to compare Grant and Lee; but there is no justice in the claim that Thomas was the equal of Lee. If Grant had been in Lee's place he would doubtless have husbanded his resources, and if Lee had been in Grant's place he would have been as incessantly aggressive to the bitter end. Grant's work was conquest, Lee's work was successful defence. Had the situations been reversed either general would doubtless have changed his action to suit his circumstances.

On the whole neither Grant nor Lee made many mistakes. Lee erred grossly in judgment but once and that was at Gettysburg where he ought to have listened to Longstreet's prudent counsel to maneuver Meade out of position, put his army between Meade and Washington and force Meade to be the attacking party. Here Lee made the only serious military mistake of his career. Grant's only serious mistake, as he confesses himself, was his assault of Lee's impregnable lines at Cold Harbor. Lee never did anything so instinct with true military genius as Grant's Vicksburg campaign, and Grant's victory over Bragg at Chattanooga, but as we have already said, Lee's inferiority in numbers and resources compelled him to prudence. That Lee did not lack audacity in attack, his assault on McClellan, and on Hooker, and his daring detachment of a third of his army to help Bragg to victory, is conclusive proof. Gen. Wolseley is unjust to Grant when he says Lee towers clean above him; and Sherman is unjust to Lee when he reduces Lee to the level of Thomas and describes him as "a failure" whenever he "ventured outside of the offensive-defensive." Of course neither Lee nor Grant was of the Napoleonic stature of soldiers. While it is difficult to determine the comparative merits of two great commanders whose work was so different we are disposed to believe that Grant was much the greater soldier in a purely offensive campaign, while Lee was without peer as a defensive commander.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

A correspondent of THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN recently inquired whether "the church had forgotten her mission and lost her power." Rev. Dr. D. H. MacVicar, in the *Presbyterian Review* for April, is disposed to answer this question in the affirmative, for he boldly arraigns the Christian church for its failure to do its duty by society and asserts that the worldly conduct of the church is largely responsible for the present state of social discontent.

Bishop Potter, of the Episcopal church, in one of his pastoral letters, deplored the steady and increasing worship of wealth in New York city and denounced it as responsible for a deal of moral, political and economical mischief. Bishop Potter told the simple truth when he said that the popular hero with city young men, the most admired and imitated, was not the exponent of piety, purity and philanthropy, not the wise man, the scholar, the patriotic soldier or statesman, but the successful stock gambler. Stocks and bonds were the universal table talk among intelligent men; Jay Gould, freebooter in trade and finance, was pointed out with eager pride to foreigners, while Peter Cooper, who mixed humanity and philanthropy with his brilliant business career, was treated with the compassionate courtesy that is extended to a very pious but homely woman or a charitable crank. A great man is popularly represented by a man with a long bank account, like Senator Hearst, who treats political honors and trusts as nothing but a line of stocks, to be captured by the highest bidder. The late Dr. Board, of New York city, used to say that American men were incessantly haunted by three questions—"How can I make money?" "Who will be the next president?" and "Where shall I go when I die?" Dr. Beard was right as to the first question; he was right as to the second question, so far as it was indirectly connected with the opportunity to make money, but he was wrong as to the third question, for the men who stand for the business and political ambitions and energies of America never stop to consider "Where shall I go when I die?" That is the least of the anxieties of your average man of business or politics. The Americans who worry over the next world are the fellows who have little interest in business or politics and small aptitude for either pursuit. The successful, energetic man of business or politics is in his heart always a profound sceptic or agnostic concerning the future, for if he wasn't he could not resolutely practice the average morality of the methods of success in business or politics. The fact is that the working forces of the age are so intensely utilitarian that for the time being real religion, as Dr. MacVicar admits, goes to the wall even in the church.

The Salvation Army is a disgusting mummery marching to and fro to the wailing of barbaric music, but after all what is the Salvation Army but the pulpit of the Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage on wheels? It is the vulgar Talmage materialism, masked by religious pretense, tramping to and fro, expounded and illustrated by a cloud of little Talmages, buzzing like bumble bees, and exhaling the same musky moral odor of the great Brooklyn bat. The difference between Beecher and Talmage was wide in performance, but in principle they were both pulpit actors of the same sensational school. Talmage played to the Bowery and Beecher to the Broadway theater, and furthermore, Beecher was Roscius, sober and sane in the pulpit, while Talmage talks and gesticulates like Roscius drunk or crazy. But the vulgar principles and disgusting, demoralizing philosophy of religion illustrated by the Salvation Army is nothing but Talmage transferred to a circus, a caravan, and insulting true religion and piety by reciting a "Comic History of Christ and his Twelve Apostles;" a humorous and sensational account of "How, When, Where and Why I Became a Christian." The Salvation Army is repulsive enough, but it is no worse than Talmage's pulpit, Talmage's philosophy of Christian falsehood and Christian Bowery theater dramatics and disgusting, demoralizing realism.

The Salvation Army is part and parcel of the damnable gross utilitarian philosophy that mildews and rusts society from the bottom. Religion is popularized by being vulgarized, and whether it is a man of genius, like Beecher, playing sentimental optimist to silly sinners from the pulpit; whether it is a chuckleheaded clerical quack, and howling Dervish like Talmage, or whether it is the lower deep of pious demagoguery, represented by the little Talmages, organized into a braying band of impious tramps wearing the mask and uttering the Shibboleth of sanctity, it is the same Protean Anti-Christ. The Rev. C. B. Frothingham once said to the Unitarian Club of Boston: "The problem of religion to-day is to translate the religion of the parlor into the language of the shop; to take it out of the hands of gentlemen and put it into the hands of men." More than one preacher in America has tried to solve this problem. Theodore Parker who died in 1859, solved it, so did Channing, and so we believe has Phillips Brooks, who hits the nail exactly on the head when he emphasizes what is important in Christianity, and with tender eloquence points out that Christ saw the best in all men as they revealed themselves to him; that "there is in every man something greater than he dreams, and when a man gives himself in consecration to Jesus Christ, then that nobility comes forth and shines like a star." These ideas given warmly and earnestly are what influence the majority of men for good, far more than a mere intellectual sort of preaching and also far more than lectures full of criticism and ridicule like those of Ingersoll. The world is made sickly, silly or self-content by the Baeckers and the Talmages; made sour by the ironclad theologians; made flippant or irreverent by the Ingersolls, but is made better by such a man as Phillips Brooks, who is not a charlatan, not an actor, not a bigot, not a theologian; nothing but a great hearted, simple, sincere evangelist honestly and humbly trying to think and utter Christ's thoughts after him.

ROSSER'S LETTER.

Yesterday THE OREGONIAN had this dispatch from Bloomington, Ill., dated May 6:

> John A. Logan post, Union Veterans' Union, of this city, to-night passed resolutions rebuking Thomas L. Rosser, an ex-rebel general, breathing the free air of one of our loyal states, for aspersing the character of loyal men, who bore muskets and drew swords in defense of their country, by the charge of vandalism. Referring to Rosser's letter relating to Gen. Sheridan, the resolutions say: "We rely upon the loyalty of our Northern soldiery to resent with strong and promptly expressed indignation this censure of the honor of our army, and to rebuke in the most positive terms this arrogance of the defeated rebel, who, with such unblushing pretense, assumes the role of conqueror."

Following is the letter of Gen. Rosser, above referred to. It was written to Holmes Conrad, of Winchester, Va.:

> *My Dear Major:* I have seen it reported recently in the newspapers that Gen. P. H. Sheridan, U. S. A., contemplates at an early day another ride up the Shenandoah valley. I had hopes that our beautiful valley should never again be desecrated by his inofficials. Cold, cruel and brutal must be the character of this soldier, who fondly cherishes memories of the wilde wastes of desolation which his barbarous torch spread through the valley, laying in ashes her beautiful and happy homes of innocent women, the young and helpless and aged men, and when over these ruins boasted that "now a crow cannot fly over this valley without carrying its rations."
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> Gen. Sheridan has done nothing since the war to atone for his cruel barbarism during the war. We have not forgotten that during his reign in New Orleans we asked that our fellow citizens of Louisiana might be proclaimed banditti, in order that he might set the dogs of war on them. I have forgiven the brave men of the Union army whom I met in honorable battle, and who fully triumphed over us in the great struggle. Among them I can name many of my warmest, truest and best-prized friends. They are good and true men, and think none the less of us for having fought them. Indeed, they esteem him highest among us who fought it on the hardest. Gen. Sheridan is not one of these kind, and he has never accorded that peace which Grant proclaimed.
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> I can say to you, my dear major, and to the gallant comrades who are now in the valley, that I hope you will not allow this man to make his triumphal ride up the valley in peace, but have him go like a horseback crow, carrying the [illegible] with him. Yours truly, THOS. L. ROSSER.

A CHURCHMAN'S VIEWS.

The May number of the *Oregon and Washington Churchman* prints the following editorial remarks as a preface to an article in advocacy of prohibition, sent it by a correspondent. It prints the communication, it says, "without any intention of opening its columns to a general discussion of what it cannot but consider an unprofitable subject for its readers," nor can it "accept the very faulty logic and unjust inferences of the article." It then proceeds:

> The assumption that "prohibition" and "temperance" are one and the same thing is utterly false. So the inference that the church and her members are doing nothing for the cause of temperance because so many are not as a body or individually advocating a policy that is questioned by thousands of the wisest and best people of the land, of every shade of religious opinion, is equally illogical and erroneous. On this subject of "prohibition," with a multitude of other matters that are entirely outside of her province, our church has no opinion, doctrine or deliverance, leaving every man in such matters to the guidance of his own judgment and conscience. Doubtless the majority of our people believe that the church itself is the true temperance society, and that this virtue is to be wrought into the character, strengthened and sustained by the same divine aids and instrumentalities that are needful for other virtues. To say that the church has failed here and that because intemperance is a fearful and widespread evil, some other means must be adopted for its eradication, is just as wise as to say the same of every other sin—adultery, ill will, avarice, etc. No man with his eyes open can deny the evils of drunkenness, but there are those who believe that while this sin has slain its thousands, lust and covetousness have slain their ten thousands. And there are those who believe that the cure for these and all other sins of the human heart and life, is laid up in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and not in human laws and legislation.
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> Sin is a bondage whose "chains" and "shackles" are to be loosed by no proclamation or enactment of man's, but by his power only who bought man's release by the precious sacrifice of his own life. The believers in "prohibition" are free to advocate their cause and to make their experiment, but to assume that the church, the clergy and their people are false to their trust, indifferent to the monstrous evils of intemperance, withholding the true "God's spell" with which they are charged, is a great injustice and savors much of a want of that "charity" which we are taught is a higher virtue even than "temperance." With these brief words we desire to leave this subject and to appropriate our columns to those topics which seem to us more likely to lead to edification.

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It has been presumed that this inside history became known when dispatched to St. Petersburg to confirm the czar's dread of his own family. Mr. Harriman, who is a reservoir of nihilist news, and the underground variety, also gave us many facts concerning the unprecedented activity of the nihilists at this time in their propaganda among the peasantry and in the army and navy, describing the methods adopted and the danger incurred.

In the meantime the "Russian-American National League" is well under way and steps are being taken for public demonstration against the ratification by the senate of the British treaty of extradition. JOHN SWINTON'S PAPER.

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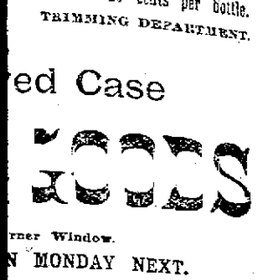

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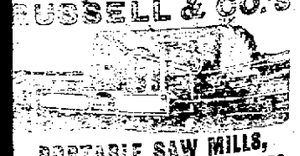

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PORTLAND, SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1887.

U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE WEATHER REPORT.

Local Report.

PORTLAND, May 7, 6:48 P. M.

Name of Station.	Bar.	Ther.	Dir'n of Wind.	Vel'c'y of Wind.	Rain.	Weather.
Portland	29.92	68	S	6	.03	Cloudy
Roseburg	29.92	68	S	18	.17	Cloudy
Walla Walla	29.91	68	S	18	.39	Cloudy

Maximum thermometer, 82.5; minimum, 41.2.
Height of river at 11 A. M. (Pacific coast time) 15.4 feet.
Mean daily temperature for 15 years, 54.8; for 1887, 55.5; departure, +0.7. Temperature constant from March 1, +0.5; temperature constant since March 1, —0.5; temperature constant since March 7, —0.5.
Total precipitation since March 1, 0.87 inches.

Name of Station.	Highest Temp. of last 24 hours	Lowest Temp. of last 24 hours	Ther.	Wind's direction.	Wind's velocity.	State of Weather
Portland	70.5	43	47	S	30	Cloudy
Roseburg	70.5	43	51	S	18	Lt Rain
Walla Walla	72.5	40	54	SE	20	Cloudy
Red Bluff	78.0	46	61	S	10	Cloudy
Sacramento	80.0	52	63	S	.00	Clear
San Francisco	60.0	50	56	E	.00	Cloudy
Yuma	29.91	60	46	E	.00	Cloudy
Fort Yuma	29.94	52	62	SW	.06	Lt Rain
Fort Whipple	29.72	41	51	S	....	Lt Rain

TO-DAY'S WEATHER, RAIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—8 P. M.—Indications for the next thirty-two hours, for Oregon and Washington territory, rain.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Passengers from Huron to arrive over the Northern Pacific: L. O. Alcott, J. T. Heath, H. J. Lowell-berg and wife, Mrs. C. West and child, and fifty-two immigrants.

Passengers from Huntington to arrive over the Short Line: James Nickolson, Charles S. Owen, James Gregg, T. J. Gregg, F. C. Gentsch, John Will-iamson and seventy immigrants.

Passengers from Medford to arrive over the O. & C.: Mrs. Clark, Geo. Reynolds and wife, Geo. Gor-don, M. A. Bartlett, S. F. Fox, wife and two children, and N. N. Botherell and wife.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Trinity church, corner Sixth and Oak streets.—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M.

First Street M. E. church, corner of Hood and Myrtle streets—Sunday school at 9 P. M. Preaching at 7:30 P. M. Free seats.

Seventh meeting will be held in the Pilgrim church, corner of Fourteenth and E streets, Sunday 3 P. M., by Hjalmar Anderson.

First Presbyterian church, corner of Washington and Third streets.—Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. Morning service at 11, evening service at 7:30.

Russian church, corner Yamhill and Seventh streets, Rev. T. L. Eliot, minister.—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Theme of the evening sermon, "What is Conscience?"

First Spiritual society of Portland meets in Ladd's hall, corner of Salmon and Second streets, at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Lois Hollenbeck will lecture in the evening.

First Street M. E. church, corner of Hall and Front streets—Class meeting at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Sunday school at 12:45 P. M. Free seats to all services.

St. Stephen's Episcopal chapel, corner of First and Jefferson streets.—Divine service will be held in the chapel on Sunday at 11 A. M. and 4 P. M. Sunday school at 10 A. M. Seats free.

Union-street M. E. church, corner Third and Union streets—Preaching morning and evening by the pastor, Dr. J. W. Alderman. Sunday school at 12:45 o'clock P. M. Praise service each Sunday evening.

United Presbyterian church, corner of Sixth and Montgomery streets—Wm. R. Stevenson, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath school at 12:30 P. M. The seats are free and the welcome is cordial.

Trinity Congregational church, corner of Seventh and Yamhill streets—Rev. G. H. Atkinson, pastor. Will preach Sunday May 8th, at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 12:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

Y. M. C. A., corner of First and Salmon.—Young men's Bible class from 9:30 to 10:30 A. M. Teacher, "Leviticus," conducted by D. D. Gilbert. Its gospel meeting will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. All are cordially invited.

Baptist Mission—Rev. P. M. Weddell will preach at the Meade street chapel, corner Second and Meade streets, on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All people living in that part of the city are invited to be present at this service.

First Christian church, corner of East Park and Columbia streets.—Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; preaching by Elder R. M. Beech. Sunday school at 12:30. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited.

First Congregational church, corner of Second and Jefferson streets, Rev. T. E. Clapp, pastor.—Morning service at 11 A. M., preaching by Rev. T. Eliot. Bible school at 12:30. Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30. No service in the evening owing to the absence of the pastor from the city.

Grace M. E. church, corner Taylor and Fourth streets, Rev. E. W. Caswell, pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject, "Sabbath Desecration;" evening subject, "The Nanaimo Disaster." Sunday school at 2:30 P. M. Prayer service Thursday evening at 7:30. Seats free. Ushers in attendance.

Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel church, Durham, between Ninth and Tenth streets, Rev. John W. Skans, pastor—Services Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., and on Thursday at 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 12:15 P. M. Sunday prayer meeting at 7:45 P. M. Preaching every Wednesday at 7:45 P. M. All are cordially invited.

Calvary Presbyterian church, corner of Ninth and Clay streets—Pastor, Rev. Warren H. Landon, residence 231 Tenth street. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath school at 9:45 A. M. Young People's services at 6:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45. All are welcomed to these services.

First Baptist church, corner of Fourth and Yamhill streets, Rev. J. C. A. Henry, pastor—Preaching services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning service by the pastor will preach his third missionary sermon on "The Supreme Need of Baptists." Evening subject, "Rocks in the Road." Sunday school at 12:30 P. M. All services are free to the public; all seats are free and strangers welcome.

EAST SIDE PULPITS.

Albina church, corner of G and Tenth streets—Rev. C. H. Reed. Morning and evening services at usual hour.

Preaching at new M. E. chapel in Stephens' Addition, Sunday at 3 P. M. by Rev. I. D. Driver. Sunday school at 4 o'clock.

St. Patrick's church, I and Eleventh streets—Services at 8 and 10:30 A. M. Sunday school at 2 P. M. Afternoon service at 3.

First Baptist church, corner G and Seventh streets—Rev. F. M. Waddell, the Baptist city missionary, will preach at 11 A. M. No evening service.

Universal church—Preaching in the morning by S. J. Bowerson, and in the evening Mr. S. P. Mage will speak. Sunday school at usual hour.

The East Portland Spiritual and Literary society holds meetings at their rooms, corner of Second and G streets, every Sunday at 3 P. M. All are welcome. Seats free.

St. Mary's Episcopal church, Rev. John W. Sayres, rector—Regular services at 11 o'clock A. M. and 8 in the evening, at 7 o'clock Sunday school meets at 9:45 A. M.

Services at Episcopal church, corner I and Second streets: Rev. I. D. Driver, pastor—Regular services will be held at 11 A. M. Sabbath school at 12:30 o'clock. All are welcome.

Grace chapel, Tibbetts's addition, Rev. D. O. Chormley, pastor—Divine services on Sabbath, at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath school at 2:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are welcomed.

First Presbyterian church, corner Sixth and J streets, Rev. D. O. Ghormley, pastor—Rev. Warren H. Landon, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian church, Portland, will preach at 11 A. M., and pastor at 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 12:30. Young people's meeting Sabbath evening at 6:30 o'clock. Strangers are invited.

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IN AND ABOUT PORTLAND.

Special performance of "Faust" at the New Market to-night.

License to wed was issued yesterday for Peter Shannon and Annie Downey.

The inner bar buoy at the mouth of the Columbia, has gone adrift, and has not yet been replaced.

"It will be some time by and by," and when it comes Sellwood will be more rapidly improving than ever.

No business was transacted in the U. S. court yesterday, owing to the absence of District Attorney McArthur.

C. P. Hogue leaves for the Sound this morning, in the interest of the lumbering company of which he is a member.

Mr. R. G. Dun, the founder of the mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co., arrived in this city yesterday overland from San Francisco.

The Bricklayers Union No. 1, are making preparations for a grand picnic up the Columbia, to take place about the last of this month.

W. B. Lottman and Dr. Olds, delegates from Sprague to the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., which meets at Tacoma this week, are in the city.

The divorce suit of Barbara Buchanan vs. Oscar R. Buchanan has been referred to W. S. Newbury as referee to take testimony and report.

The sale of Cheviot and Percale shirts at 60c each at Meier & Frank's will prove interesting for gentlemen on Monday. See their add in another column.

Monday evening at 8 o'clock there will be a meeting of the Canadian association of Portland, to take action for the relief of widows and orphans at Nanaimo.

Capt. Charles F. Powell left here yesterday morning for a short trip to Yaquina bay, where he went to look after the government work. He will return home Monday or Tuesday.

It is understood the additional shop in the northwest corner of Litt's building will be managed by Miss Dora Berry. An agreement has been signed by the parties for one year.

Mr. J. M. Buckley, assistant general manager of the Northern Pacific, has gone East to meet General Manager Oakes, who is expected here about the 15th. He will probably cross the Cascade mountains.

Miss M. E. Riner has opened a studio at 129½ Third street, and will instruct in oil painting, landscapes, flowers and china painting. Miss R. will be pleased to have any one call who is interested in that line.

The Dierdorf property, north of the North school, has been placed in the hands of Croft & Davis, the Fourth street real estate dealers. This block is just west of the new armory hall site, and promises to be valuable to prospective buyers.

The Unitarian church and Sunday school will have their annual summer festival on Saturday next, May 14, at Latourelle Falls. Every arrangement for the comfort and pleasure of those attending will be made, and there will be good music for dancing. Tickets, 50 and 25 cents.

Louis Harrison, who was booked for the New Market for the week commencing May 23 with "Slipped by the Light of the Moon," yesterday cancelled the date. The interstate law froze him out. This is the second cancellation from the same cause, "Maud Granger" being the first.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Fush returned Friday from a trip to Roseburg. He says travel over the O. & C. has largely increased since the new schedule went into effect. Fall wheat in Southern Oregon is looking fine, but wet weather also prevails there, and delays the sowing of the spring crop.

Mr. James L. Fogg, district manager of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company for the Pacific coast, resident in San Francisco, came to this city a few days since with a view of establishing an agency for his company here. He went up to Walla Walla yesterday, and will return the last of the week.

Forty-one years ago the 15th day of June next the provisional government of Oregon was organized. Pioneers and others bear this in mind and make the coming Pioneers' day one worthy of remembrance. The Morrison-street Bridge Company will furnish free tickets to all pioneers on that day to pass to and fro over the river.

Mr. J. Thorburn Ross left for California on the steamer last Friday evening. He will spend considerable time while absent in examining the different methods of abstracting titles in that state, previous to pushing the interests of the Real Estate and Trust Company here. While absent he will also visit the cities of Southern California on other business.

A resident of this city, who is an old timer, coming to the coast in 1853, says that in looking over an old diary began in 1858, and continued for fifteen years, and refreshing his memory from that date until the present time, he cannot find or recall any May day quite so disagreeable as last Sunday. In fact, at no period during his residence of thirty-four years in Washington and Oregon, can he recall so backward and stormy a spring as the present one.

A WORK OF ART.

One of E. W. Moore's best pieces of work is on exhibition at Gumps' art store, a crayon portrait of Miss Manning.

SHIPPING NOTES.

ASTORIA, May 7.—Steamer Oregon arrived down at 8:15 A. M. and left out at 11:15 A. M. Steamer Columbia in at 9:50 A. M., and left for Portland at 11:20 A. M. Steamer Ancon down at 10 A. M.

WILL PUSH THE ENTERPRISE.

The Sellwood & Vancouver Railway Company has not abandoned any part of their proposed system of lines. As soon as the rights of way can be secured from the East Portland council the road will be built to Vancouver, Sellwood and Mount Tabor.

TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE.

W. S. Mason yesterday commenced suit in the state circuit court against Alma Hancock and Barbara Hancock to recover $1100 on a promissory note, and to foreclose a mortgage on the S. W. ¼ of Sec. 2, T. 2 N., R. 2 W., containing 120 acres. The note was executed during the month of January, 1886, and made payable in six months.

JURY DISAGREED.

The jury in the case of D. P. Thompson vs. The Willamette Steam Mill's and Manufacturing Company, came in yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and reported that they were unable to agree. Judge Skattuck thereupon discharged them. Mr. Thompson sued for $6150 salary as president of the company. This is the second time the case has been at issue. The jury stood six to six.

BIRTH ON A TRAIN.

By yesterday's Northern Pacific train, Mrs. Raymond and family, of Nebraska, arrived here. The family was one larger than when she started, Mrs. Raymond having given birth to a son Thursday afternoon in an ordinary coach. There was no physician or nurse in attendance. The family alighted from the cars at East Portland in a drenching rain, but were soon afterward brought over to this side. Mrs. Raymond said she intended to have her son become a railroader.

THEY DIVIDE THE LEGAL EXPENSE.

Speaking of the recent opium seizure, a federal official yesterday said that four or five Chinese firms in Portland are engaged in buying the contraband article, and that in case of the detection and punishment of any one they all "stand in" and pay all fines and costs. The mere discovery of unstamped opium is prima facie evidence of smuggling. Hence the "goods" seized Friday will be confiscated, and besides the men arrested are liable to fine.

THE JOHN FISKE LECTURES.

In response to inquiries we have ascertained that the courses to be given in Portland will be the four lectures on the campaigns of the civil war (Grant's campaigns), and eight lectures on the critical period of American history (just following the surrender of Yorktown). The first course ticket will be 75 cents and the second $1 50, and single lectures 25 cents. Mr. Fiske is to leave St. Louis on May 25, and the opening lecture will be May 31. The prospectus and tickets will be issued this week. A custom prevalent at the East will probably be adopted. The seats are reserved until 7:45 for holders of course tickets and then thrown open to others.

BIDS FOR STONE FOR THE JETTY.

Following is an abstract of sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering stone on barge at Fort Stevens wharf or on cars at Fort Stevens reservation, on account of improving mouth of Columbia river, opened by Capt. Charles F. Powell, corps of engineers, at U. S. engineer office, Portland, May 5:

No.	Names and Addresses of Bidders.	Delivery.	Price per 2000 lbs.
1	Hellman & Bates, Portland.	Barge	73
2	Vincent Cook, Portland.	Barge	79
3	David, Smith & Pacquet, Portland.	Barge	74
4	David, Smith & Pacquet, Portland.	Car	$1 05
5	Ore. Paving and Contract Co., Portland.	Car	93
6	Ore. Paving and Contract Co., Portland.	Barge	69½
7	Ore. Paving and Contract Co., Portland.	Barge	56
8	L. Michael, Portland.	Barge	69
9	L. Michael, Portland.	Barge	62
10	Patrick O'Neal, Portland.	Barge	88

PROPOSALS FOR COTTAGES.

Sealed proposals for two five-room cottages, with all modern conveniences, to be erected for Mrs. E. Malarkey, on Seventh and A streets, were opened yesterday at the office of Otto Keemann, architect, with the following result: A. J. Sheppard, $1990; Sheahan Bros., $2031; Lewis & Wanstum, $2050; F. Findley, $2200; B. Avey, $2247; Dillane & Clancey, $2285; Sparks & Buxton, $2260; C. J. Wilson, $2400; J. Jacobsbane, $2490; Sheldow & Wray, $2375; E. J. Farnsworth, $2575; W. W. Lewelling, $2750; C. A. Walter, $2770; J. Krimble, $2751; R. Leamon, $2948.

COLLECTING SPECIMENS.

Prof. Henry A. Ward, the man who mounted the skin and skelton of Jumbo, the martyr-elephant, is in Portland. Prof. Ward comes here from New Mexico, where he has been engaged in the collection of material for his scientific cabinets, which he collects and sells to schools, colleges and museums. He has sold over 200 of these cabinets, ranging in price from $500 to $50,000. He has collectors at work in different parts of the world, and has recently secured and mounted a splendid specimen of the musk ox. On his way to Portland Mr. Ward stopped at Eugene and inspected Prof. Condon's geological collection. The latter gentleman is also in the city.

TOM MOUNTAIN'S REWARD.

Last January Thomas J. Mountain petitioned the common council for $500 reward for arresting and convicting H. Wise and his clerk, of illegal voting. Wise, et. al., pleaded guilty in the U. S. district court, and this Mountain claims, is equal to a conviction. The council before the election offered a reward of $250 for each arrest for the bribing of voters, illegal voting, and so on. Mountain's petition when first read was laid on the table and there it has remained ever since. It has come up several times under the head of unfinished business but never acted on. It is understood some disposition will be made of the case next meeting night.

CULTIVATING POOR SOIL.

A Salvation Army "evangelist" attracted considerable attention yesterday afternoon by attempting to address a lot of gamins and news boys on the Stark street ferry slip. There were at least thirty of the boys, and they jostled the exhorter all over the slip at a lively rate. The "evangelist" bore his tormentors' taunts and jeers with becoming meekness, and frequently he exclaimed, "God bless you, boys, God bless you!" Finally he drew forth a lot of tracts, which he passed around, and which were soon fluttering in fragments on the breeze. This exhibition might have continued indefinitely, but the *Telegram* went to press, and there was a wild stampede for papers. The "congregation" had dispersed, without doxology, benediction or ceremony.

FIRE IN A DWELLING.

The residence of A. Ferrera, at the southwest corner of B and Tenth streets, was partially destroyed by fire last night. An alarm for the department was sounded shortly after 10 o'clock from box 25, and created quite a scattering among the boys who were attending the benefit at the New Market theater. The fire caught from a pipe connected to the sitting-room stove. At the time Mr. Ferrera and family were absent from home and had left a fire in this stove. The stovepipe runs through a closet in the center of the building and thence to the chimney. The roof of the house was almost entirely burned off, and the inside, both up and down stairs, pretty well gutted. Total damage about $1000. Mr. Ferrera owns the building and is insured.

NEW BAPTISTRY.

The building committee have received plans for the new baptistry, which is to be built at the rear of the Baptist church at Oregon City. The addition will be 16x28, with 21-foot posts. The basement will contain a kitchen 9x16 fitted up with sinks and tables. North of the kitchen will be a room 19x16, connected with the Sunday school room by folding doors. This will be known as the infant class room. Leading up from this room are stairs, which lead to a hall in front of which, and immediately in the rear of the pulpit, is the baptistry, 4x9, the steps leading down being at the rear. The baptistry will be covered and form an alcove in the rear of the pulpit. The north side of the up-stairs will be fitted up as a pastor's study, and in the rear of it at the ladies' retiring room. The south side will be taken up as a committee room, 9x12, and the gentlemen's retiring room.

DEMANDS FOR HIGHER WAGES.

Early last week the Iron Worker's union sent a communication to the several foundries of the city, demanding $3 25 a day for molders instead of $3, and requested an answer by Saturday night. It is understood that the Willamette Iron Works and Smith Bros. & Watson's foundry last night acceded to the demand.

The carpenters' demand that nine hours shall constitute a day's work instead of ten, made several days ago, is *in statu quo*. Most of the men, who are working for bosses who took contracts early in the season, supposing that wages would be the same this season as last, have consented to continue to work on the jobs under contract ten hours a day, but will not work on new jobs more than nine hours. The feeling among bosses is that in the case of first-class mechanics, who never waste time, $3 is not too much for nine hours' work, and they would be glad to pay it. Owing to steady rain for the past week, there has been very little work for carpenters, and this has probably prevented matters coming to a settlement.

A FURNITURE SALE.

A TRANSACTION WHICH LED TO SEVEN ARRESTS ON CRIMINAL CHARGES.

Justice Tuttle has some seven cases on hand growing out of a furniture transaction and in which about an equal number of persons are implicated. A reporter of THE OREGONIAN started out yesterday afternoon to find out what was the cause of all the trouble, and after interviewing several parties ascertained that he had discovered a case about as hard to explain as the fifteen or prison cell puzzle. As near as could be got at, on Friday Wm. H. Warren, who has been working until recently as purser of the Willamette Chief, purchased $221 worth of furniture in a second-hand store in the old American Exchange hotel building. Mr. Warren says the furniture was new and it was represented to him that the second-hand dealers wished to clear it out, as they had but little sale for new goods. Having a brother in the furniture business in Oregon City, Warren purchased the furniture on speculation and was given a receipt for the $221 it cost him, signed Freidman & Brilliant, by M. Brilliant.

Subsequently Warren called to get the furniture, taking with him first a truck of the O. T. Co., and again one of the Northwestern Transfer Co. In both instances Warren was refused the goods he purchased. Warren says a man named J. Holeberg represented himself as a partner in the concern, and also a man named Wolf. The latter, however, afterwards said he was not connected with the firm. Freidman and the crowd told Warren that Brilliant was only a clerk or mattress maker about the concern and had no right to sell any furniture, also that Brilliant refused to "fix up" the $221 with Freidman, on the ground that Freidman owed him money.

Warren repaired to Justice Tuttle's court and got out a search warrant. Constables Mead and Sprague served it, and taking possession of the furniture conveyed it to Gilman's auction house. Next followed arrests. Brilliant was arrested for trespass and embezzlement. J. Holeberg for assault and battery on M. Brilliant. S. Freidman, D. Freidman and J. Holeberg for larceny on complaint of W. Warren, and J. Holeberg for perjury, on Warren's complaint.

Justice Tuttle says the Freidmans claim that Brilliant has only been working for them and had no right to sell any furniture, and they never sold Warren any. The cases come up for trial Tuesday. It is said there are more to follow.

The whole is the result of a partnership fight between the Freidmans, Holeberg and Brilliant.

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD IN THIS CITY TO-MORROW AFTERNOON.

Ex-Senator J. H. Slater, one of the railway commissioners of this state, arrived here yesterday, and is registered at the St. Charles. Mr. George M. Waggoner, the other commissioner, and Rev. J. R. N. Bell, clerk of the board, will arrive to-morrow, and the first public session will be held at the St. Charles in the afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock.

Mr. Slater said last night to an OREGONIAN reporter that no complaints would be heard at this meeting as none so far had been received. The commission had been informed that several complaints would soon be forwarded, and they will be given a prompt hearing. The object of to-morrow's meeting is to obtain certain information concerning the Oregon Railway & Navigation and Oregon & California lines, and officers of these companies will be invited to come before the board. Whether the information sought by the board can better be obtained by questioning the officers and receiving their spoken answers than by presenting the subjects and receiving written statements can not be determined until the commissioners have met the officers. So to-morrow's session will partake of the nature of a conference.

THE SCHOOL BOARD.

THE $100,000 BONDED DEBT TO BE REFUNDED; ELECTION OF TEACHERS ON THE 20TH.

At a special meeting of the school board held last evening Miss Josie Southard was elected as a teacher in the department, vice Mrs. Nettie M. Mills, resigned, and assigned to the fourth grade, Harrison school.

Mr. Thompson stated that he had charge of the plans and specifications of the high school building, and asked that in view of the fact that he would soon go away for a short time that some other disposition be made of them. After some debate it was decided that they be placed in the hands of Judge Woodward, referee, in the suit of J. C. Carson et al. vs. the school district, pending a decision of the case, and that a receipt be taken for the papers.

Mr. Thompson resigned as a member of the finance committee and Director La[illegible] was appointed to succeed him.

The finance committe recommended that $100,000 bonds of the school district be redeemed, and of this amount $10,000 worth be cancelled, and $90,000 re-issued. On motion it was ordered that 90 bonds of $1,000 each, payable in nine years, some in one year, two years, etc., be placed upon the market.

On motion of Director Thompson it was ordered that teachers file applications for positions next term, by the 12th inst. Director Dodd moved that the meeting for the election of teachers be held Friday evening, May 20th, commencing at half-past seven o'clock, carried; adjourned.

For the best flannel or buckwheat cakes, hot waffles, German pancakes, with maple syrup, jelly or honey, pork and beans, muffins, biscuits, fried oysters, go to the Freiman Coffee House, 35 Washington street. Open day and night.

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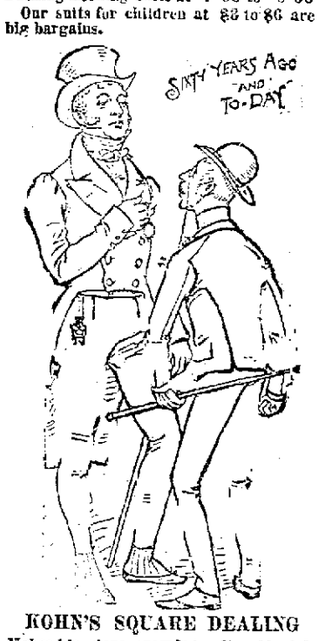

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Dying! gentlemen—dying!—dead!

A family, six in number here,
Fresh from a cellar in Somers' Town;
Mother her sixth on her breast near,
Father and brats with fever down.
Twas Pestilence spoke them, was it a lie?
"An open sewer," I think he said:
Well, his offer shall buy the lot,
Dying! gentlemen—dying!—dead!

Now, good customers, here's a chance;
A thousand men in the prime of life,
Wielders of musket, sword and lance,
Armed and drilled for the deadly strife.
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"A bullet for each," cries the gent in red,
No offer but his—fast flows the sand,
Dying! gentlemen—dying!—dead!

A body of toilers worn and weak,
Clerks and curates and writing men—
Look at the flush on each sunken cheek,
Mark the fingers that grasp the pen!
Come, genteel gentlemen, can't we deal?
Has Drabbery's eye for bargains fled?
He offers at last, the price of a meal—
Dying! gentlemen—dying!—dead!

OBLIVION.

A POSTHUMOUS STUDY BY MME. GEORGE SAND NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED IN ANY LANGUAGE.

[Translated for the Sunday Oregonian by Lew Vanderpoole.]

Nichette, so I think, is the sweetest and the most delightful woman in all France; and that certainly is saying a great deal.

I am a sort of a combination of painter, sculptor, poet and musician, though indolence—to say nothing of lack of genius—has kept me from accomplishing anything in either of any consequence; and you would not remember me if I told you my name. In my childhood I was almost entirely without playmates, and so I took to books instead of to trinkets, and my elders were foolish enough to encourage my abnormal tastes. Consequently, when I was a young man of 15 I was at a loss to understand why the women I saw in life were so unlike the lovely creatures who figured in the books I had read.

A little later, when my preferences enforced my drifting into the various and inviting channels of art, I saw that art women, as well as book women, had but little in common with the women of every day life. I can scarcely say that I was disappointed—I was only puzzled. It seemed to me that there was something wrong about both the real and the ideal women. There was much in each that appealed to the natural impulses and instincts of men; and there was, also, much in each which men of fine natures must necessarily deplore. If women, the women whom men were to have for wives, mothers, sisters and friends, could only have the best attributes, and none of the faults, of both real and ideal women, there, indeed, would be a sufficient reason for turning one's back on heaven, and basking in the glory and splendor of woman instead. The danger of this is, perhaps, the reason why women are as they are, and not as they might be; that is, all women but Nichette, who, pardon me for saying it, could not be changed in any way which would improve her.

I first met her about two years ago when she was 20 and 130 years old, and, also, when I was almost driven to the conclusion that the kind of a woman which I have just described as my idea of the woman a man could not help taking to his heart was not to be encountered in this life.

Nichette was all that I longed for and expected and even more. She idealized my ideal. Of course I fell in love with her at once. My notions and whims concerning women in general did not please her at first, for, like all those so possessed of fine, self-critical natures, she believed herself vastly inferior to every one else. But she soon set down my fancies as the honestly meant but erratic vagaries of a dreaming philosopher, and so her love and kisses were not long denied me.

One day she was sitting on the gnarled root of a great shade tree and I was lying in the grass at her feet. It was summer; the air was warm and full of the voice of birds and bees, and I was full of love and admiration for pretty Nichette, who was making fun of my frequent and rapturous compliments. At last feigning petulance she made a pretense of kicking me, whereupon I snatched off one of her dainty little slippers and refused to surrender it until she promised to behave better.

But she would not promise, and so with mock gravity I lay holding her slipper in dead silence. She sat watching me for two or three minutes and then suddenly bent over me and asked what I was thinking of that made me so grave.

"Oblivion," I answered, sepulchrally.

Jumping up she rescued her slipper and put it on.

"Oblivion!" she echoed, trying to croak it out as dismally as I did. "Ah, me! That comes of thinking when you have an empty stomach. I go this instant for refreshments."

And then laughing and kissing her fingers to me she darted away.

I watched her out of sight, thinking all the while that I was the most fortunate man on earth to have won the love of such a woman, wondered if she thought I was in any sense in earnest when I told her that I was thinking of oblivion. Even joking about it seemed like an insult to her. Oblivion, indeed, when Nichette was mine!

"Oblivion bestows more than you think if you have only the sense to rightly employ it," said a low voice at my side.

I thought that I must have been thinking aloud and that some one happened to be near enough at hand to overhear me. Turning my head I looked up into such a face as I had often seen in classical art pieces but never before in life.

Sitting on the very root where Nichette had been was an old man with very handsome dark eyes and with cheeks as fresh and pink as those of a schoolgirl. His hair and beard were both snow white and each seemed at least a yard long. He was dressed in loose, white masses of drapery, not wholly unlike the dress of the ancient Greeks. Upon his head was a turban in which several jewels glistened and his feet were sandaled. I glanced about me to see if I was not dreaming, but the bees were still humming, the birds were still singing, everything but my strange visitor was perfectly natural and normal. He understood my action and smiled.

"No, my son," he said, "you are not sleeping. I am a reality: as much so as yourself."

"Who are you, and how came you here in my garden?" I asked, thoroughly astounded.

"I came to talk with you about oblivion, and to take you where you can fully understand what it really is," he answered.

I looked in the direction whence Nichette had gone, and again the old man seemed to guess out my thoughts.

"You can see and hear all, and can yet return before her, if you wish to return after hearing and seeing," he said, rising.

My curiosity was aroused, and scrambling to my feet I bade him make haste and promised to follow him. I thought him some harmless lunatic, and was wonder ng how far he would insist upon my going when suddenly, before we had gone twenty paces I saw as I raised my eyes that I was in the midst of a landscape which until then I had never seen, though a moment before I would have solemnly sworn that there was no part of the country, for at least ten miles, which I had not many times explored.

We had entered a hollow flanked on three sides by huge mountains and only accessible at the point where we were passing. We walked on with great swiftness for a few moments, and then the hollow widened in a round, level valley like an amphitheater.

In the center of this we paused and my guide signed for me to look about me. In utter amazement I did so.

On one side of the valley, pouring, apparently, out of the solid side of the mountain, was a broad sheet of water, of crystal purity and clearness, which fell, with a strange, weird murmur, into untold depths below. The part of it which was visible was about twenty feet square, and I looked like the undulating silver veil which conceals the beauty and loveliness of some rare harem.

Opposite this waterfall was a temple, the glistening columns, cornice and stairs of which seemed made of alabaster. Strangely enough, the greater part of this structure seemed to retreat back into the very heart of the mountain. It was dimly lighted by tapers within, and its long rows of pillars went back, back, back, as far as the eye could penetrate.

My guide led me into the temple. Just inside its first arch we paused.

"You are surprised, my son," he said, facing me and smiling. "I doubt if you ever before realized how close together are the higher and the lower worlds—how brief is the step between them. You have seen much here, but you have still more to see. Yonder is the water of oblivion, and this is the temple of the devotees. I am its high priest."

With this we advanced further into the temple, passing pillar after pillar and under arch after arch. The lights burned softly, our footsteps made but slight sounds upon the smooth, polished floor of semi-transparent stone, and in the air there hung faint odors of delicate perfumes, which changed and varied constantly.

Saving ourselves, the temple seemed deserted. My guide moved more slowly now than he did when we were coming up the hollow, and, without a sign of imperiousness, he had grown majestic.

"Be heard!" he suddenly exclaimed, and instantly soft strains of witching and passionate music stole in upon us from everywhere. Still there was no one in sight. The music continued, but in a strange, indefinite way, without taking upon itself melodic shape and character. It seemed like the accompaniment to a succession of love songs; it was sweet, impressive harmony, made of love whispers and love sighs.

My guide noted its effect upon me, and smiled at my delight.

"Appear!" he exclaimed, presently, in the same startling, unexpected manner as before.

There was a sudden rustling and a tinkling of little bells, and then, as if they stepped out of the endless rows of shining pillars, the whole place was filled with smiling maidens. Such of their wondrous beauty as was not wholly uncovered was heightened rather than concealed by the fleecy, silvery scarfs they wore. Their feet were in jeweled sandals and jeweled bands held their loose, streaming hair back from their faces. Upon each of their bare arms, also, were two jeweled bracelets. Their ages seemed to run from 16 to 20, and, singly as well as collectively, it was such a revelation of womanly perfection and beauty as, I am sure, no mortal ever dreamed of. Poor Nichette! How she suffered in comparison with these splendid, matchless women! Beside their perfection of form and face—the latter I now mean from the standpoint of beauty—there was, upon the brow and in the eyes of each, the unmistakable impress of marked and decided intellect. This, to me, was more wonderful and astonishing than their shapeliness and grace, and I remarked the same to my guide.

"These are my proselytes," he said, "and you are the first mortal I have ever deemed worthy to see them. Do not look surprised; though I am a stranger to you, I have been watching you for a long while."

The maidens, still smiling, stood about us at regular intervals, waiting apparently for another signal from him who had proclaimed himself master. Taking me by the hand he led me up half a dozen stairs, where, side by side, we paused upon a dais. My companion then spoke a word in a language unknown to me, whereupon the maidens began something which was neither a march nor a waltz, but which partook of some of the elements of both.

Finally, I observed that they were gradually leaving the temple and forming into a series of circles in the valley outside, between the temple and the waterfall. At last my guide and I were the only ones in the temple. From where we stood we could see very distinctly their graceful, almost rhythmical, movements. In my heart was the yearning wish that this might go on forever.

"Soon they will return," said my guide. "While they are gone I wish to tell you something of vast importance. This day is the turning point of our existence in the lower world. Before to-day I could not reveal myself to you. After to-day, if you reject the truths I give you, I can never speak with you again. Oblivion is a matter of grade and degree. Yonder are its waters. As it covers you, in greater or lesser measure, you so assume more or less of oblivion. To plunge in yonder waterfall is to drown memory altogether, and also comprehension. You would not, then, know at one moment what had taken place in the previous moment. Oblivion then is a punishment, since the kind of existence it permits is pain and torture at their utmost. Oblivion as a blessing is what comes to one upon entering paradise. Then, of course, though being only in his spiritual state, man's sweetest raptures are already past. To enter the water of oblivion sufficiently that all your past is wholly dead, and forgotten is to enter paradise in flesh and blood. Then with perfect companions, you go on forever, if you will, in unchanging youth in an existence of unalloyed bliss, innocence and perfection. Perfect as seem these women who have just left us, you shall have as your future companion and wife one whose perfections as compared with these is as full daylight and sunshine are to midnight blackness. The waters of oblivion can give you this, and fame also; fame, too, such as no man ever had before. Will you partake of them?"

The music, the perfume, the dancing maidens who were now returning, dazzled, bewildered, intoxicated me.

"I will partake," I cried out, madly; "I will partake, I want this promised perfect life."

Slowly the maidens came and threw me back into the temple. Each bore in one hand a crystal cup, containing water from the fall across the valley.

"These maidens," said the old man, "are the daughters of women who fenced for their daughter's virtue and innocence in their yet unwried futures. These mothers prayed that absolute safety might come to their beloved daughters, and there prayers are mine to answer. The maidens come here, the waters of oblivion blot out their past recollections, and here they live on, forever, in sacred purity and peace."

My guide then took me down from the dais, and we stood among the maidens.

"Now, my son," said the old man, "the moment for the change in your life has come. The maidens will empty their cups on your bowed head. All your life, as they are pouring, will pass before you. Each incident of it will again come up as fresh and distinct as it was when you were living it. Let the pouring of the water continue until you are once more in the moment wherein I promised you new life, new love, great fame. Then bid them stop, and all is done."

I knelt as he bade me, and bowed my head, one of the maidens pillowing it upon her bosom.

Then the pouring of the water began. As the old man said, all my life passed before me. I was once more an infant in my mother's arms, and so swiftly the whole of my days came again and went; all clear, vivid and distinct. My boyish hopes, my manly endeavors: my love for art, for Nichette, and, finally, the moment of the promise secured again.

"Enough!" I cried, and the pouring of the water from the crystal cups in the hands of the dancing maidens ceased. I sprang to my feet. The old man took my hand and placed it in that of a woman who stood beside him. She was covered in a filmy veil, glistening with jewels from head to foot. Of her face, save her splendid eyes, I could form no conception, but the surpassing grace and exquisiteness of her figure were not wholly a matter to be guessed at.

"This," said the old man, "is she with whom the rest of your life is to be lived. Her veil you can cast aside presently; but, first, there is a task before you—the last one you will ever know."

Leading the way to the entrance of the temple he pointed across the valley to the summit of the mountain above the waterfall, and there, glittering and wonderful, was the veritable Temple of Fame.

"Take this woman with you," he said, "and do not unloose her hand. Climb with her to the temple yonder and enter it. There love and fame will both be yours for the asking; greater love and greater fame than any man has yet had. But choose aright or you lose both, and life with them."

Led by the woman I crossed the valley, and together we climbed the mountain, rough, steep and precipitous as it was. We entered the door of the Temple of Fame, hand in hand. The great names of the world were on its walls and an angel was waiting to write my name, highest of all, if I made no error.

"Whence came you?" asked a voice.

"From the Master," answered the woman at my side.

"My," said the voice, "you are favored. Love and fame, both unparalleled, are yours if you choose rightly. Which seek you first?"

I looked at my companion and bade her cast aside her veil.

"As soon as you choose," she answered.

Piqued, I loosened her hand and said, "Fame first, love afterward."

"He who chooses fame first and love afterward is a fool," said the voice. "I cannot save you from the fiend."

There was a sullen roar, and the fiend, surely enough, stood before me in all his horridness. The woman tried to reach my hand again, but the fiend flung her aside. Then he struck me full in the face with one of his hoofs, and the force of the tremendous kick sent me out of the temple backward. But not until the unveiled beauty of the woman I had lost flashed once before me. She was lovelier than the wildest, maddest dream of artist or poet.

"Why did you unloose my hand?" she cried out in bitterest agony. "But for that you would have been safe."

"All right; let it include Rip, if it will do him any good."

Resuming his seat in the camp chair, Palmer gazed reflectively at his half-emptied glass, and presently commenced to sing without much voice, to an air from one of Arthur Sullivan's light operas, the words:

"Come, thou monarch of the vine,
Plumpy Bacchus with pink eyne;
In thy nuts our cares be drown'd;
With thy grapes our hairs be crowned;
Cup us till the world goes round;
Cup us till the world goes round!"

The words and air did not quite fit, but Darnell was not musical and felt no shock; the lines themselves it was that caught his fancy. "Why, where did you get that, Palmer?" he asked. "That's about the best drinking song I've heard."

"Can't you give me credit for my own invocation to the rosy Bacchus?"

Darnell laughed. "If I thought you could do that well, Palmer, I would not hesitate to predict a 'brilliant future' for you—that is, in connection with stag dinner parties. You must forget that 'pink eyne' is not a modern expression, and not one you would ever hit on, my boy. Seriously, who——"

"Since you impolitely force me to resign my claims—it was written by a man named Shakespeare if I am not mistaken, and occurs in a play called 'Antony and Cleopatra,' where Octavius Cæsar, Pompey, Mark Antony and a lot of other fellows on board a galley are having a high old time."

"Cup us till the world goes round," repeated Darnell, somewhat musingly. "I only wish we did have enough for that. The fact is the wine is nearly all gone and I don't know when I can get down to Hobson's again—it's seven miles. They haven't got anything fit for bullfrogs to drink at the settlement across the river. Hobson has his own vineyard and makes good wine."

"Can't you send the black lifesling down there after some? I might give him an extra tip."

"I let Rip go off to a barbecue to-day—way down beyond Hencratch. But he might go to-morrow. * * * Oh, by the way, there's to be a picnic over there at the mill to-morrow, and Mr. Squotlow (he's the miller) invited me to come and bring you. How would you—"

"Delighted."

"This is by no means an aristocratic neighborhood, and we probably won't see anybody but crackers."

"All the better."

"Well, suppose we have breakfast," said Darnell. "I had coffee and a biscuit three hours ago."

When they were seated at the rude table, Darnell paused to see his friend take out a handkerchief and place it at his elbow. "It's a pity you didn't include a dozen or so of napkins in your luggage, Palmer," he quietly remarked. "But we ought not to mind, for it is not at all likely that the primitive man used them."

"Oh, damn the primitive man!"

It was an ordinary backwoods picnic—that one squotlow's mill. The people were gathered at the rendezvous about 9 o'clock in the morning, and some of them would have found it no easy matter to "kill time"—as they would have said—until dinner; for there was very little in a picnic, it appeared, outside of the dinner. The older men stood or squatted with their backs against trees and whittled small pieces of soft wood, as they discussed crops and the next representative to the legislature from the county; while the young men, for the most part still in a quasi-natural in their "Sunday-go-to-meetin'" store-bought clothes, danced attendance upon the youthful fair. These young girls were fresh and rosy in white dresses and red ribbons, and the faces of not a few of them were tinted with that variety of vanities called "The Bloom of Youth." For, sad though it be, the younger set holes its own even in our backwoods. A long, rude table had been arranged in an oak grove near the mill. Here the matrons congregated and mounted guard over the dinner baskets—soon to indulge in snuff through that process known as "drabbing," and some few (of more pronounced origin than the rest) to solace themselves with tobacco and clay pipes, and all to indulge in much harmless gossip.

Darnell felt a premonition that the time would not be too easily "killed," and wisely refrained from putting in an appearance until near the dinner hour—thus exposing himself and friend, however, to the suspicion of having come for the dinner alone. Mr. Squotlow, the miller, turned them over to the good graces of his wife, a fat, sailing matron who fed them with a lavish hand at one end of the long table, around which the people stood. The dinner was in reality an immense lunch, consisting chiefly of sweet-cakes and fried fowl, and Palmer was convinced that he saw heaps of indigestion in it—asking his friend, when they had the opportunity of private speech, what sort of a dyspeptic he supposed would result from such diet at the end of six months?

Later they walked over to the mill to look at the dancing—an amusement which was indulged in only by those totally given up to worldly ways, or to this effect, at least, one would have been informed by the pious persons who avoided it as a terrible indulgence of the wicked. The floodgates were shut to-day, and the simple machinery of the mill was still. The wonted uproar was replaced by the voices of back-woods maids and their swains, the sound of scraping feet over the sanded floor, and the lively squeaking fiddle which, in the hands of this admirable local renowned, surely emitted a succession of sounds sufficiently awful and excruciating (to the sensitive musical ear) to suggest the old boy and the members of his infernal host, who, according to the more imaginative zealots in the anti-dance party of the neighborhood, were always present unseen wherever "fiddlin' and dancin'" were going on.

"How these big, lumbering fellows kick their legs about!" was Palmer's amused aside to Darnell. He was evidently much diverted by the proceedings, and looked with interest from the dancers—the male portion of whom were engaged in pounding the floor with pitiless energy—to the man who shouted the figures while beating time with the long straws upon the fiddle-strings midway between the sawing bow and the fiddler's writhing fingers.

But his interest soon became centered upon a pretty young girl among the dancers, who appeared to be no devotee of the rough-and-tumble order than he hoped. Well, the "little darling" appeared at some point on the bank, and as well, of course he couldn't be expected to row by and leave her there, could he? He naturally sent the bateau in to the bank and refused to share it with her. What less could he have done without beastly impoliteness? She—well, she consented with the most charming naivete and got into the bateau with him, and—they had "a huge time."

"Why, Palmer," shaking his knife across the table at his friend, "if you were to marry a backwoods girl you would be miserable for life."

The young man failed to see it. Why couldn't he be happy with that charming girl they had seen at the mill, for instance?

Darnell put down his knife and fork, and leaning back, spoke emphatically: "She is undoubtedly pretty enough, but I tell you she would never do for you nor for me. The charm would soon wear away, and you would wake up to find yourself bound to a woman uneducated, uncultured and unrefined."

"Oh, now, I don't take much stock in all that," cried Palmer irreverently. Cultivation—refinement! What did it all amount to? What was it all the result of but more or less study? And the backwoods girl could study—afterward—if necessary; only he would never consent to it. She would locate all her charms then. Darnell, I must confess I would have preferred the female of a former age before she had evolved so far toward modern 'perfection.'"

"You'll change your mind about all that, you poor deluded chap!"

Darnell went on to say that he was ready to admit that there was a refinement that would come to almost any one from cultivated study and the right influences; the maid of the mill might change after great effort to acquire some of that—she might possibly correct her bad grammar and drop inelegant locutions; but this was not all he meant. "Look here, Palmer, what I am talking about is the innate refinement which is there and which speaks whether there have been cultivating influences or not; and all the striving in the world—"

"Well, you don't need to go to the backwoods to find people who haven't got any of that."

"Oh, very true."

"But, Darnell"—smiling—"only those, I believe, who consider themselves specially favored in the way of a pedigree ever held to that theory. How is it with you? Was—was your maternal grandmother a duchess?"

The Southerner shrugged slightly and seemed little pleased at his friend's bantering tone. "I know I am right," he only said, and changed the subject—not, however, before he had added mentally: "If it weren't that I think it not in the best taste to discuss such a matter, I might talk of my pedigree." He came of a family which had been of the flower of the cavaliers in colonial Virginia, and which had traditions, if not actual records, going back to the Crusades, a handsome coat-of-arms, ancient heirlooms, et cetera, and he quite firmly believed that it took a thousand years, more or less, to produce a gentleman.

The subject was changed, but they soon came back to it, or near to it. It appeared that Palmer's chat had not been altogether soulless—for he suddenly came out with the statement:

"Old boy, I've seen that girl again—I've seen her twice."

"You have! Where?"

Down the road near the mill the first time. Yes, I spoke to her. I walked along and talked with her, and she took it as the most natural thing in the world."

"No doubt. Well, how did she strike you at a center view?"

"More charming than ever."

"Indeed! How was her grammar? Didn't she say 'git' for 'get,' 'is' for 'are,' and 'was' for 'were'? Didn't she drop her final g's everywhere—all along the road—as if they were of no value whatever?"

"Oh, I guess so; but I hardly noticed it."

"Well, who is she anyhow?" Old man Squotlow's daughter?"

Palmer did not know; he had not asked and she had not told him her name. He had been mentally calling her the "maid of the mill," but when he saw her that morning he at once named her Flora. He had come upon her in the woods near the mill and found her decked out in flowers. She had a great bunch of those yellow jessamines and honeysuckles in her hands—had them also in her hair and on her dress, he thought. He once saw a tableau representing the flower goddess Flora; it was not half so pretty as this.

"Really, *mon ami*, I can hardly credit your story. I happen to know that backwoods girls as a rule care nothing whatever for flower-your attention."

Palmer looked rather annoyed at this impolite suggestion. "I talked with her more than an hour," he added presently.

"Well, you had better look out for the old man—that's all I've got to say."

"You think he will demand to know what my intentions are? Well, if he does, we won't quarrel, I guess. Darnell," added the young man perkily, "that girl will make some fellow happy."

"Oh, no doubt of it. She would make that fellow you call a 'big lumbering idiot' absurdly happy; but she would make you miserable."

"By Jove! I'd like to risk it. Darnell, I believe I am in love with that girl."

Darnell suddenly got up from the table with a very stern face. "Now, Palmer, you are going to do mischief."

"Mischief!"

"You know as well as I do that it's all a shallow, theatrical fancy which won't last two weeks. And while you amuse yourself you will fill that girl's head with foolish notions and make her dissatisfied with everything about her."

What Palmer's thoughts were on this point does not appear, but he evidently considered that here was food for reflection; for he quietly lighted a cigar and said not a word.

Darnell went on writing in silence for a few moments, then stopped suddenly to ask: "I would really like to know what you mean, Palmer?"

"Mean? I don't know that I mean anything in particular."

The "impetuous Southerner"—as his friend was sometimes pleased to call him—began to write very rapidly on receipt of this exasperating retort. But suddenly he threw down the pen fiercely and turned squarely round. "Well, sir, you must permit me to tell you that I consider your course unmanly."

Palmer straightened himself in his chair and cursed away his half-consumed cigar. It was on the tip of his tongue to say: "Do you wish to quarrel with me, Darnell?" But after an inarticulate murmur, he only said: "Do you consider it unmanly to love a woman?"

"No, sir; nothing could be more manly. But that sort of manliness I'm afraid you——. Look here, Palmer, if this thing goes on I shall have to consider it my duty to warn that girl's friends."

"You will do just as you please," said Palmer, as he got up from his chair, looking deeply offended and much wrought up. "This 'thing' will certainly go on, I can inform you. I—yes, I intend to marry that girl, if she will have me. I know where she lives now, and I shall go up there to-day—now—and visit her in the presence of her family. I—a—" He turned straight on his heel and strode away.

"Why, Palmer, what on earth—"

But the incensed young man did not turn his head, and moved rapidly on. Darnell looked after him in blank astonishment, uttering presently a long, solemn whistle. He fell into a chair, threw his feet upon the back of another, and looked skyward, as a sign that he was unconcerned. By and by his feet came down again, and he turned to the table and took up the pen. But not to go on with his writing; he could only sit and ponder.

"It is utterly absurd!" he ejaculated. "The man cannot be serious. I believe it is all simulated theatrical feeling," was his thought. "And yet it looked real. He wouldn't have been such a fool,—he never would have gone so far, if I had not opposed him. I'm afraid I've made an ass of myself."

It was full three hours later when Palmer returned. The expression of his face baffles description. He looked like one overwhelmed by a distressing calamity, and yet his friend could see that there was as much petty annoyance and disgust as pain in his lugubrious expression. He dropped into a chair and averted his face. The other waited some time for him to speak.

"If you could but have seen them, Darnell—her brothers and sisters and her mother, a frightful, dried-up old woman with a pipe in her mouth!"

"I could have told you that much," said Darnell, struggling with his desire to laugh. "But who are they? Somehow I have connected that girl with old man Squotlow."

"Her name is—Sweet Johnson!"

There was no help for it now. Darnell fell into his chair, threw his feet upward on the table—knocking over the inkstand—held his quaking sides like one possessed, and shouted with laughter.—[Copyrighted. All rights reserved.

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The number of women among the amateur ... in the city is not large as yet, ... growing daily, and the sex feminine ... good work to show as the results ... ventures in this field. The news- ... correspondent seized upon the dry ... and the handy little detective cam- ... as quickly as anybody, and ... half dozen of the women journalists ... New York find in the rage for illustrated ... abundant call for the exercise of their ... Women artists in common with ... of the craft, even no little help to the ... Women who used to try to sketch ... couldn't are giving up that waste of time, ... found such a satisfactory substitute for ... travel and vacation souvenirs.

Mrs. Wells Champney, wife of the artist ... of that bright book "Three Vassar ... among the most enthusiastic of the ... photographic guild. She is blessed ... good subjects in a couple of attractive little ... and keeps a progressive record of their ... their doings and almost of their sayings, ... them in the latest bit of roguery in un- ... childish attitudes. Mr. Constable, of ... house of Arnold, Constable & Co., ... all his available leisure to photography, ... wife is quite as devoted and rather more ... hand. The Marquise de Mores, who ... Miles Hutton, and is now the wife of ... of cowboy fame, has done some of ... work, I suppose, of any New York ... Spirited bits on Jerome avenue when ... are speeding their trotters are the ... she takes to most kindly, and from her ... phasion she has made a collection of ... of the horse in motion that it would be ... to duplicate or surpass. Ranch life in Da- ... has given her another opportunity, and ... telling rider she has utilized her chances ... the wildest of wild west hunting ...

Miss Alice le Plongeon, whose work with ... and husband, Augustus le Plongeon, in Yucatan, ... make her known in archeological fields, is ... out of no mean skill. She uses wet ... plates—a task that few amateurs at- ... and has brought back from Mexico ... of the relics of the cities of the Mayas ... serving as data for study of the lost civ- ... those aborigines. Alice Stone Black- ..., Lucy Stone's daughter and junior editor ... *Woman's Journal*, Boston, has ... photography for recreation ... and simple, as many busy women do. ... numbers of good things shown by ... at the last annual exhibition of the Asso- ... photographers of the country at the Cooper ..., New York, last month, among them the ... of Mrs. Robert W. De Forrest perhaps ... of the palm.

Astute it was the dry plate that started the ... development of amateur photography, ... the perfection of the smaller and more ... portable cameras that is bringing the ... into the field. The photographer of old, ... his black cloth, his blacker dark room, his ... to toying with unknown, and to mor- ... commoner stamp, unknowable chem- ..., was an awesome being, from whom ... few years have ruthlessly torn off ... veil. The substitution for the wet ... plate, which practically technical knowl- ... and special skill in its preparation ... the gelatine film spread over the glass ... before it is wanted, ready sensitized and ... for transportation to the ends of the ... revolutionized the business for profession- ... and amateur. So far as outdoor photography ... concerned, the veriest bungler, if he has ar- ... instinct enough to choose a picturable ..., can make the exposure, develop his plate, ... print off the views with the instruction to ... glue. In a single afternoon. The camera ... become a plaything, and one of the most be- ... and satisfactory of the toys grown up ... collect.

The tiped camera is hardly used by women at ... The bicycle camera that screws on a tri- ... really well, and that without any extra ... in the way of luggage, gives one in- ... views of an afternoon's outing ... the trouble of pulling up to catch ..., is coming to be a favorite with women ... the wheel. The tiniest of all cameras ... slips inside the clothing, the lens ... as dress or vest button, is carried by a ... of women about the city streets. The ... apparatus being completely hid- ..., present life and character sketches are ... up as you demurely pass your uncon- ... fellow beings at fifteen feet range.

The latest form of the detective camera—that which counterfeits a neat little hand satchel in appearance—that is the usual favorite just now. However, with women as with men. The ... can be had scarcely larger than the ... pocket-handkerchief receptacle, the size of the ... carries being much less of an object ... used to be since the recent perfection of ... processes by permanent bro- ... points. For tourists and in all cases where ... baggage is an object, the smaller the plate ... better, and the best pictures can afterward ... enlarged at home. The detective is focused ... on the instant, and is so quick in its ... that I have seen a clear picture of a bed ... mountain brook—a much more difficult feat ... photographing an object which is itself ... caught from the window of a train at ... speed.

... riding brides have set the photographic ..., and I came across one of them at the ... counters of a large manufacturing firm last ... lasting in dry plates for a "shot at Niagara" ... to come in—so they told me when she was gone ... cameras to go with vacation outfits for ... tours, camping parties and mountain ... Amateurs are notorious for putting ... into photography, and women ... have taken the cue that, I was told, their ... have in some instances run up to the three- ... Take it all in all the camera is a ..., for it puts picturesque nature and hu- ... into the power of the appreciative eye, ... there doesn't go with it the artist's hand.

Women's Doings.

Anna Katharine Green, the author of "The Leavenworth Case," lives in South Brooklyn in a ... little brick house something after the ... Anne style, where, as Mrs. Rohlfs, the ... by which she is known outside her novels, ... to vibrate between writing desk ... in which most literary women who are ... mothers of families do.

"How did you, being a woman, come to be so ... up in detective cases?" she was asked the ... day.

"I don't believe I could tell you?" was the ... reply. "It may seem a strange confession to ... coming from a woman who has written ... detective stories than anything else, but I ... never knew a court room in my life. I ... experiences that would give me knowl- ... of matters of that sort."

"How can you then write intelligently of the ... of a trade that you have not learned?"

"I do not know. It has seemed to me instinct ... When I first thought of writing it was ... conceiving of the clues that would lead to ... of a crime that seemed the subject ... for me. I carried the germ of ... "The Leavenworth Case" in my mind from the ... I was 14 years old. When the time came ... write it I couldn't help doing so."

"You never make any study of the phases of ... criminal life, then, for the color of your ...?"

"Not especially, no. When I have wished to ... the robbery of a bank, I have gone to ... the entrances and exits over not to make ... that would be absurd to business men. ... writing up a long trial, as in one of my books, ... studied the statutes not to be out of the ... in my law. But as for studying criminals ... the life I have never done that at all. It ... one of the promises my husband made me ... we were married that he would take me ... the quarters to see something of low ... in New York, but somehow we have never ... time after all. Human nature is much ... in everybody; a criminal is a man or ... woman, and as for the details of detective busi- ... I put my wits at work and let my scouts do ... as under the same circumstances I would ... myself."

"Then doesn't it happen that your men do things differently from the officers in real life?"

"It may be so, of course; but, after all, the newspaper incidents, supposed to stand for actual facts, that I have utilized sometimes, are the things that the critics have pounced upon as being unreal. I don't know that when I have trusted to human nature and common sense I have ever been accused of want of life-likeness at all. Any writer will tell you that it is always the truth and not the products of your imagination that people won't believe."

"Do you write rapidly?"

"Sometimes and sometimes not. It is the development of the plot that interests me. A love tale or a society drama or a character sketch without a strong thread of story I couldn't write at all."

Mrs. Rohlfs is fortunate above most literary women in having a husband who plays the part of Cerberus, the watch dog, shielding her from interruption as their wives are supposed to guard literary men. She is young and like most writers who have made a success in one specialty sets more value on approbation in another line. Her detective stories, the first of which, "The Leavenworth Case," gave her a standing and has been followed by a number of others since, are not to her of anything like the consequence of a volume of her poems collected this spring. ELISA PUTNAM HEATON.

Make Your Own Cupboards.

There is nothing that appeals to the feminine heart more quickly, particularly if the female has a home of her own, than a cupboard, which name stands for a nook where the most delightful art cernnics, glassware, etc., is kept. It is a more unique name than cabinet, and conveys to the mind a suggestion of coziness. Since the days of narrow houses and economy in space the corner cupboard not only has been a receptacle for all sorts of things, but an added piece of furniture as well. Of course it is the easiest thing in the world if one has an unlimited bank account to order at a large furniture manufacturer's one of these quaint pieces of furniture. Let me tell you of some home-made cupboards that cost little but yet are beautiful. A friend had a carpenter make for her a corner cupboard of pine wood at a cost of $3. Then she oiled it daily until the pine was of a delightful shade. The cupboard consisted of three shelves, with doors and compartment underneath, also closing with doors. As this cupboard was not intended to show its contents, the doors were all of wood, and to ornament them my friend bought some embossed leather, in a grape design, and fastened into the panel of the doors with brass-headed nails; she also inserted the leather in the side panels. The effect for a closet in which wines were kept was delightful.

Another cupboard was made a little more expensive by glass being inserted in the doors of the glass and silverware could be seen through them. A pretty way to make a cupboard for a Japanese room is to paint the wood black with paint containing mouse oil, so that it will shine, then paste into the wooden panels of the doors and on the sides Japanese pictures which come both on paper and on crape; the rice paper pictures are beautiful for this. On the top of the cupboard place an odd Canton jug, or something equally effective.

For a bedroom cupboard nothing is prettier than one made of pine painted white, with gilt lines here and there, and if one has any ability with the brush, to paint upon the panels a pansy of some pink hollyhocks makes something very odd and attractive.

The best expensive corner cupboard that I ever saw was composed of three shelves, one above the other, fastened directly upon the wall, while to exclude dust and cover the shelves were curtains with brass rings; run on a small brass rod the material was of figured Japanese silk and the tiny curtain was of a different design. The bottom shelf, which was about three feet from the floor, had a curtain which extended down to the carpet; the hem was filled with shot to keep it in place. A yellow Japanese ware cat sat upon the shelf. Who will long for a place in which to put away small things after this, when cupboards so unique, ornamental and inexpensive are so easily obtainable?

I have only given a few illustrations, but the fancy of the maker may soar into any number of delights regarding cupboards. There is nothing prose about them; they are the poetry of furniture, and as some one has said of a flight of steps or a staircase of any kind, is always artistic.

EVELYN BAKER HARVIER.

A Pretty Way to Serve Fruit.

In the rush of the many post-lenten entertainments that have followed each other during the past two weeks some very charming and original novelties have been observed. For instance, at a breakfast of ten covers given a few days ago by the wife of a prominent broker of this city the big, luscious strawberries were served in tiny earthenware flower pots lined with fresh green leaves. These flower pots, of course, can be bought at any florist's, and are appropriate for serving all kinds of berries during the spring and summer months, and they have, besides, a remarkably pretty effect on a well-appointed table. The fashion is quite new here; at least, I have never seen it before in this country. In Europe, however, particularly in Paris, the first strawberries of the season are always served in this manner, not only in private houses, but also in the hotels, restaurants and cafes. Of course the stems are left in to a fruit and powdered sugar is handed at the same time. The custom of supplementing the sugar with cream is unknown on the continent of Europe, and foreigners who come to these shores have often wondered why Americans pour a quantity of cream over their fruit. This being the case and also to obviate the unpleasant stares—not of the French and Italian visitors—but of our own countrymen and women, who have lived much abroad, the cream jug is now banished on all ceremonious occasions and reserved solely for those parties that come under the head of strictly family affairs. Doubtless there are many housekeepers who think cream an improvement to any ripe fruit and who are otherwise independent enough to eat what they please in whatever way suits them. Perhaps they will be stigmatized as eccentric old fogies but they will enjoy a compensation unknown to the devotee of fashion who, in nine cases out of ten, gets her labor for her pains.

CLARA LANZA.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Columbia college is said to shut its doors pretty obstinately in the faces of women, but in one department, at least, it is doing them a great deal of service, after all. The new School of Library Economy opened in January affords what women need most, and for which they owe whoever offers it them most gratitude, a chance at good training in a new and remunerative bread-winning pursuit.

Mr. Melvil Dewey, the librarian of Columbia, has a hobby, and it is that librarianship, which is growing into a distinct and recognized profession, will offer in the near future advantages to educated women hardly to be excelled in any other field. "You know," he said yesterday, "women like library work, and they are finding their way into it without help. In Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi and Tennessee they have women for their state librarians, and in two or three territories besides. It's not nervous work, like the school teacher's, and doesn't push a timid girl into contact with the rough side of the world such as a business woman has to endure.

"'Pay?' Of course the pay is small for the mechanical work of the library, handing out books, pasting or copying labels and the like of that, but that is not the real librarian's work at all. For skilled cataloguing work that takes intelligence and the best education attainable, the demand is always above the supply. In the library of the future, the free library, the greatest missionary force of the age, there is going to be a great opening for women's work, too. I don't mean by the ideal free library a big central book collection in this city or any city, but smaller ones, so scattered as to bring the reading room within half a mile of every workman's home. I expect to see great numbers of them spring up within a decade, and to find women in them doing aggressive educational work to fight the growing illiteracy of the age."

Mr. Dewey has lived up to the faith that is in him, and for some years back has had from sight to a dozen young women, college girls, most of them as assistant librarians and cataloguers in charge of the college library under his care. It was his appreciation of their labors as well as his knowledge that for young men or women either who were capable of filling the best places open to the modern librarian, there was no class open where they could learn what they were required to know that has led to the establishment of the school of library economy, where both sexes are admitted as pupils, and where several Vassar graduates have already entered.

A group of New York woman suffragists: Lillie Devereux Blake, hair growing white now, clear pale complexion, big blue gray eyes, an alert though sometimes a tired looking face and a peculiarity in her voice that in a different woman might have been a lisp.

Isabella Beecher Hooker; little and a trifle bent, hair snow white, falling in longish curls about her face, working on arm, your mental picture of a morsel of a grandmother, acutely logical at times, eccentric with the eccentricity of her family at others.

Mary Seymour Howell, who engineered her bill through the senate at Albany this winter only to see it sent to a graveyard in the assembly; a slender figure in black with a bunch of red roses on her gown, quiet and unobtrusive looking, and an effective speaker, but with a nervous trick of spreading out and clasping her hands.

The Rabbi Gotlheil, the champion of the women in the Nineteenth Century club; a sturdy, stocky-looking man, with an equal mixture of old Hebrew learning and modern common sense in his slow, reflective speech.

His face framed by that of Annie Jenness Miller, his opposite in all ways, graceful, vivacious, impetuous, a little more demure than when she stumped Massachusetts for Ben Butler, but an enthusiast still and devoted to dress improvement, which she stoutly refuses to call dress reform.

Mary F. Eastman, passing through the city on her way to Massachusetts; smooth gray hair and a strong, kindly face with mental power in it, as forceful a speaker as the movement counts, east or west.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who is said to be coming home from England before long now, is a noticeably fine-looking woman, with quantities of white hair and a face and figure that would compel attention anywhere. She has given much of her personal beauty to her sons, the younger of whom are strikingly looking young men as one often sees about New York.

Now and then you come upon a woman whose carpet doesn't show any tell tale worn spot in front of her glass. Mrs. Louise Thomas, the president of Sorosis, has long, heavy, dark hair still, and in her younger days it was a burden to the comb. She has read through Prescott's histories and a good share of Motley, she once told me, with a book spread open before her, in the course of her daily wrestles with her braids.

Miss Grace H. Dodge, the school commissioner, is in hearty sympathy with the woman physicians, and is interested in a movement to secure their more frequent appointment as *internes* in the New York hospitals. It requires a woman agement to secure admission for women students at the clinics now, and a more liberal regime is pressingly in order.

Miss Ida Von Etten's lectures at the Madison Square theater on the industrial condition of women have been something of a disappointment to those who hoped for a practical outcome. What do we women do when we have to earn ourselves our bread and butter? Teach, if we know anything, and wear out our nerves; sew, if we can't do that, and starve out our bodies too. Miss Van Etten has been giving vivid pictures of the distress of the seamstress and the factory operative, but any hint of a remedy for overwork and beggarly pay seems beyond her power to offer. Everybody who touches that subject is baffled. What a stride toward the millennium it will be when the same talent and application secure the same return to Mary Smith as to John Jones.

A new rose has been introduced to favor this week. Have you ever seen the process, and do you know what it is? Walking along Broadway on a bright afternoon, just when the crowds are thickest, in the midst of the shopping throng you see the flower first on the carriage of a pretty girl. She is a tall girl, rather—little women are not in favor in New York just now—a well dressed girl with a dainty bonnet and a gown of some quiet dark stuff that sets off the glowing pink petals of that wonderful, big, unknown rose. You hardly notice her, perhaps, roses are plenty and pretty girls, too. Before you have gone many steps you meet another striking young woman, and she, too, is wearing that magnificent rose. Maybe you look at it and at her, and maybe you don't. Time is precious and one can't observe everything in a New York crowd. In a ten minutes' walk, however, the fact is sure to impress itself on you that you have met at least twenty-five personable figures blooming with that pink rose. By and by you pass a florist's window, and all is plain; masses of roses, all with that peculiar waxy petal and that new delicate and yet glowing hue. The florist had sent out a regiment, not of sandwich men exactly, but of rose girls, which is more to the point, to take the town by storm. They will do it, and next week half the women you meet will be wearing that rose. The device is a new one, but it has been practiced twice at least, once with a pinkish lily of the valley, and once, this week, on a rose this spring. E. P. H.

A VERY SILLY LETTER.

PORTLAND, May 6.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN:

In your issue of to-day I note the following quotation from the Portland (Maine) *Argus*: "The situation in Maine is this: Wherever public sentiment sustains the liquor law it is a success. There the law is superfluous. Wherever, as in our large cities, public sentiment does not sustain the law, it is a failure. There the law is useless, etc." I would call the special attention of all the readers of THE OREGONIAN, of whatever class or bias of opinion, to this unqualified statement: "Wherever public sentiment sustains the liquor law it is a success." This is a truth plainly and simply stated and is apparently accepted as such by THE OREGONIAN. Presumably it will be so accepted by a large majority of thinking readers. Most things do succeed when sustained by public sentiment, provided that sentiment rests on a sound moral basis. Otherwise the success is apt to be ephemeral and short-lived. Now, the question that follows close upon the heels of this conclusion is: What is this potent force known as public sentiment? Is it a rocky Gibraltar, standing immovable and unchanging through countless centuries, with its stony face set ever in one direction? Is it invulnerable alike to outward forces and inward workings? No, a thousand times no! Full well we know that, of all the forces in existence, that we call public sentiment is most pliable, most readily moulded and easily led. No tender child in the schoolroom is more in need of judicious and careful, healthful guidance. It is capable alike of climbing the noblest highs of human achievement, or plunging into the bottomless depths of human degradation. In either case it follows where it is led. What, then, must be the sacred responsibility of its self-appointed leaders, those men who, feeling within their breasts the innate powers and genius of master minds, voluntarily assume the leadership of their fellow beings, and from the pulpit and editorial chair send forth dispatches that they well know will strongly influence, for good or evil, the movements of surrounding hosts?

By publishing and indorsing the foregoing extract from the Portland *Argus*, THE OREGONIAN has admitted that prohibitory law, when sustained by public sentiment, must be a success. THE OREGONIAN is, without exception, in either pulpit or editorial sanctum, the most powerful leader and moulder of public sentiment in all the Northwest, and, moreover, is fully aware of the impressible nature of the material it holds in its hands. It has seen, right here in our own little city, as well as elsewhere, the causes, development and results of the whisky evil in all their hideousness. It has seen an attempt to establish high license result in an ignominious failure—a failure proclaimed in loud-mouthed triumph in every sink-hole of drunkenness and vice that disgraces our community. Furthermore, THE OREGONIAN knows that even were high license established and sustained, the results would be as far from satisfactory as any possible result of prohibition could be. It would simply wipe out a few impecunious pimples from the nation's face, and leave the cancerous sore still festering in its vitals. Hence, even though prohibition, with national support, should prove ineffectual, it could not prove a worse failure than high license has proved and is constantly proving. Seeing and knowing all this—being entirely conscious of its own great power for good or evil—does THE OREGONIAN evince any appreciation of the sacred obligation resting upon it? Knowing the pliability and impressibility of that public sentiment it pioneers and develops, does it endeavor to guide its pupil aright, and see to it that every word counts on the side of highest and surest morality, unobservient to selfish and sordid motives? No; THE OREGONIAN, finding itself standing "where two paths meet," deliberately turns its face in the wrong direction, followed by the public who would have been as easily led to the right, thus making of itself not only the betrayer of a sacred trust, but also a retarder of that progress with which it affects to stand abreast.

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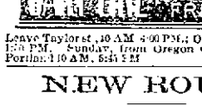

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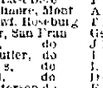

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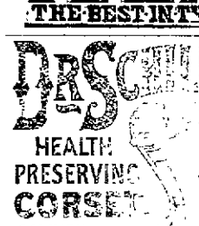

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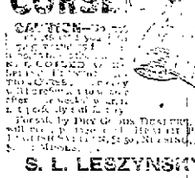

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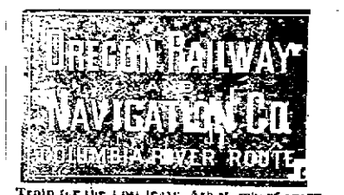

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NO MORE BODIES.

An Exploring Party Almost Suffocated in the Mine.

NANAIMO A CITY OF DEATH.

The Fire Not Yet Under Control—Funeral of Nine of the Victims—Aid for the Orphans and Widows.

NANAIMO, B. C., May 7.—The day has been dreary in the extreme. Few people linger around the shaft, and most have returned to their homes exhausted. No more bodies have been taken out, and little attempt is being made to do so, all effort being concentrated in extinguishing the fire.

Through the kindness of Mr. Robins, the superintendent, a party was privileged to descend the shaft this afternoon The party, which comprised Wm. McGregor, manager, Dr. Walkem, Wm. Christie and J. M. O'Brien, penetrated, under Mr. McGregor's guidance, as far as the air shaft, and had a fine opportunity to see the fire, which is being gradually subdued. They visited the engine house and went as far down the slope as was safe. They had a whiff of the afterdamp, which is not an unpleasant smell, and one would judge that those who inhale it lie down to pleasant dreams. The party saw several caves-in, one of large extent. The bottom of the slopes is full of water, and one goes down the mine clad from head to foot in oilskin.

The men at the pumps are working like Trojans. They are just at the bottom of the shaft. It is learned that the Merriweather engine is disabled, which is greatly regretted.

IN THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH.

The drop down into the mine is quite an experience. Darkness reigns supreme, and except for the safety lamp in the hand, there is not the faintest ray of light. Solid walls of coal, through which runs the slope, are all there is to be seen, except far away the twinkle of the miners' lamps. After living in the bowels of the earth one fully appreciates God's sunlight when he emerges.

When the party was down about four, Mr. Scott was in charge, and his men working faithfully. It is believed no more bodies will be brought up till to-morrow. They are probably decomposed by this time. It is stated they will be placed in coffins at the bottom of the shaft and quickly buried. None of the imprisoned miners will breathe the air again. They are all dead.

Coroner Walkem begins the inquest Tuesday, and will make a searching investigation.

The following funerals took place to-day: George S Bertram, James Hoggan, Henry Lee and Hisson Hudson Lee, John and Andrew Morton, father and son, Wm Lukey, Sr., Wm. Lukey, Jr., father and son, the Davey brothers, and John Meakins. There was a large procession, in which were the nine coffins, an awful sight, but only a prelude to what is to come. This is

A CITY OF THE DEAD.

No business is done, the schools are all closed, and all hearts are sore with grief. There are but few families in town but are bereaved.

Fears are entertained for the life of a young lady who mourns mainly Michael Lyon's death. She is now in convulsions, and it is thought she cannot survive. Mayhap this is not to be a solitary case. The noblest fortitude is being generally displayed, and mourning ones are resigned to fate.

Mr. Robins and his men cease not to work hard, and leave nothing undone to push on the work of rescue. The Wellington and East Wellington miners continue to work zealously, and their labors are supplemented by the gallant sailors and Victoria Coal Company's men. To-night Egyptian darkness reigns, and a heavy rain-storm adds to the gloom of the city.

It is believed no more bodies will be reached till to-morrow. Your correspondent, from members of the exploring party, who went down the mine yesterday morning learns the following

THE EXPLORING PARTY'S TRIP.

The party went down the shaft about 6 o'clock, Mr Bryden in charge. With McGregor, Little, and Archie Dick, inspector of mines, and six or eight miners, they proceeded along No. 1 level about 1500 yards to the place which the party reached on Friday. On the way in a little choke-damp was encountered, but nothing to hurt anyone. At this point the lamps began to go out, owing to the presence of choke-damp. Three or four of the party panted in a little further, but could find no signs nor smell of bodies. As the party could go no farther, owing to dread of the damp, and as only four lamps out of fourteen remained alight, they commenced to go back. When they had proceeded a few hundred yards they found that the choke-damp had backed up from No. 2 level for a distance of between 200 and 300 yards on the No. 1 level, and through this death-dealing air they had to make their way.

THE EXPERIENCE WAS FRIGHTFUL.

Their legs shook and a benumbed feeling came over the brave men, but a few still retained their senses. With cries of encouragement to those who were in the act of falling under the influence of damp, and knowing full well that delay would prove fatal, they at last reached fresh air, where they sat down to rest, everyone pretty well used up If one man had fallen all would have been lost. The fact that each one kept calling on to the other in cheering tones saved them from death. Too much praise can not be accorded those brave fellows whose lives were almost sacrificed in their endeavor to find the bodies of the lost miners.

When they had sufficiently recovered, members of the party again went down the main slope to No. 3 level, where the bodies were found on Friday. An endeavor was made to go down to No 5 level, where the men were supposed to be, but they could explore no further, owing to the presence of damp. It was then decided to make no further attempts, as all the men must be dead They then commenced to take in fresh air with them and clear out the gap. The fire is not out, but the men are still working on it. The coal on fire is a vein of eighteen inches of solid coal.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AT SEATTLE.

SEATTLE, May 7.—Subscriptions for the widows and orphans of the miners killed by the recent explosion of the Nanaimo coal mine are being handed in at the *Post-Intelligencer* office with gratifying promptitude and generosity. The number of subscribers and the amounts paid into the fund already assure that Seattle will substantially aid the helpless mothers and children who mourn their dead at Nanaimo. The list at 9 o'clock this evening foots up nearly $1000.

HELP FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Mayor Pond has issued an appeal to the people of San Francisco to assist the widows and orphans of miners who lost their lives in the colliery disaster at Nanaimo with all donations possible.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR THE FAMILIES

OTTAWA, Ont., May 7.—The government will be asked by the members from British Columbia for a grant towards relieving the families of miners killed at Nanaimo.

SEATTLE.

PASSENGERS FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

SEATTLE, May 7.—The following persons are cabin passengers on the steamer George W. Elder for San Francisco, which sailed at 10 o'clock to-night Mrs Mitchell, Mrs. Wiseman, Mrs. Hyland, Mrs Gene Ban Enstein, George W. Carter and wife, Rev A. J. Hanson, W Halbeim and three others, with seven steerage passengers.

AN OLD LANDMARK.

An ancient landmark was obliterated yesterday by the removal of outbuildings connected with the moving away of the Mehlhorn block The two-story frame structure which has withstood the storms of a quarter of a century was taken away. The building was once occupied by Plummer A Hines on the end of Main-street wharf and in that early day was one of the most prominent structures of Seattle.

MAN INJURED.

A man by the name of James Morrison had a leg badly bruised by a large rock falling on it while engaged in working under the new Arlington building yesterday.

LABOR NEWS

THE BOYCOTTED PATTERNS ONLY A PRETEXT

DETROIT, Mich., May 7.—Five weeks ago, when the stove moulders throughout the country quit work because they were ordered to work on patterns of a St Louis firm whose men had struck for an advance in wages, the men in this city remained at work. It was claimed by the moulders that the manufacturers had schemed for a strike in order to raise prices and have the blame thrown on the men On Wednesday of this week the Manufacturer's Defense Association held a secret meeting in this city. To-day, in obedience to orders promulgated at that time, the Michigan, Detroit and Peninsulas Stove Companies shut down, throwing 2800 men out of employment. It is thought the Cincinnati factories were also ordered closed, the men there having returned to work on the objectionable patterns.

POWDERLY AT OMAHA.

OMAHA, May 7.—General Master Workman Powderly spoke to a large audience of Knights of Labor and others at the exposition building this evening. The subject was "Aims, Progress and Prospects of the Knights of Labor Organization.

RAILROAD NEWS.

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL CONFERENCE COMES TO NAUGHT.

CHICAGO, May 7.—At the meeting of the transcontinental railway officials to-day nothing was accomplished in the way of perfecting an organization or agreeing upon rates. To-night many of the officials left for home, disgusted. Apparently no system of differentials could be devised that would satisfy the many conflicting interests. It is probable that another meeting will be held in New York next week, although some of the lines insist that they will not be represented. Much of the time to-day was occupied by Commissioner Blanchard in an address explaining the position of the lines east of Chicago on the question of pro-rates. A conference committee to take up the subject with eastern lines at some future time was appointed.

THE CONTROL OF THE BALTIMORE & OHIO.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Interest in the Baltimore & Ohio deal has been revived by a story that a meeting of the Baltimore & Ohio directors will soon be held, at which the resignations of several of the present directors will be received, and their places filled by members chosen by the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, Lake Erie & Western, and the Richmond Terminal Company. Robert Garrett, C. E. Brice, Samuel Thomas, Henry S. Ives, Geo. I. Seney, Alfred Sully and Geo. H. Stayner are mentioned as among the members of the syndicate buying control of the road, but it is said some of them will only have a small interest in it.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD INVESTIGATION.

NEW YORK, May 7.—The Pacific railroad commission held an executive session to-day at which they discussed the plans for proceeding with an examination into the accounts of railroads. They decided to send experts to San Francisco, Boston and Omaha for that purpose. The investigation will be proceeded with Tuesday, when J. H. Hoar, George Arona, J. H. Calef and George Bond are summoned to appear. The investigation will continue two weeks longer in this city and then the commission will proceed to Boston.

MISSIONARY RIDGE.

How the Soldiers of Sheridan's Wood's and Johnson's Divisions Advanced without Orders and Carried the Ridge.

From Gen. Fullerton's account of the army of the Cumberland at Chattanooga, in the May *Century*, we quote the following. "Between Orchard Knob and Missionary Ridge was a valley, partly covered with a small growth of timber. It was wooded in front of the right of Baird's and of the whole of Wood's division. In front of Sheridan's and Johnson's it had been almost entirely cleared. At the foot of the ridge were heavy rifle-pits, which could be seen from Orchard Knob, and extending in front of them for four and five hundred yards, the ground was covered with felled trees. There was a good plan for both direct and enfilading fire from the rifle pits, and the approaches were commanded by the enemy's artillery. At this point the ridge is five or six hundred feet high. Its sides, scored with gullies, and showing but little timber, had a rough and bare appearance. Halfway up was another line of rifle-pits, and the summit was furrowed with additional lines, and dotted over with epaulements, in which were placed fifty pieces of artillery. The art of man could not have made a stronger fortress. Directly in front of Orchard Knob, and on the summit of the ridge, was a small house, where Bragg had established his headquarters.

"At twenty minutes before 4 the signal guns were fired. Suddenly 20,000 men rushed forward, moving in line of battle by brigades, with a double line of skirmishers in front, and closely followed by the reserves in mass. The big siege guns in the Chattanooga forts roared above the light artillery and musketry in the valley. The enemy's rifle-pits were ablaze, and the whole ridge in our front had broken out like another Ætna. Not many minutes afterwards our men were seen working through the felled trees and other obstructions Though exposed to such a terrific fire, they neither fell back nor halted. By a bold and desperate push they broke through the works in several places, and opened flank and reverse fires. The enemy was thrown into confusion, and took precipitate flight up the ridge. Many prisoners and a large number of small arms were captured. The order of the commanding general had now been fully and most successfully carried out. But it did not go far enough to satisfy these brave men who thought the time had come to finish the battle of Chickamauga. There was a halt of but a few minutes to take breath and to reform lines; then, with a sudden impulse, all started up the side of the ridge. Not a commanding officer had given the order to advance The men who carried the muskets had taken the matter into their own hands, had moved of their own accord. Officers, catching their spirit, first followed, then led. There was no thought of protecting flanks, though the enemy's line could be seen, stretching beyond on either side, there was no thought of support, or reserves.

"As soon as this movement was seen from Orchard Knob, Grant quickly turned to Thomas, who stood by his side, and I heard him angrily say 'Thomas, who ordered those men up the ridge?' Thomas replied in his usual slow, quiet manner. 'I don't know, I did not.' Then, addressing Gen. Gordon Granger, he said 'Did you order them up, Granger?' 'No,' said Granger, 'they started up without orders. When those fellows get started all hell can't stop them.' Gen. Grant said something to the effect that somebody would suffer if it did not turn out well, and then, turning round, stolically watched the ridge. He gave no further orders.

"As soon as Granger had replied to Thomas he turned to me, his chief-of-staff, and said. 'Ride at once to Wood and then to Sheridan, and tell them if they ordered their men up the ridge, and tell them if they can take it to push ahead.' As I was mounting Granger added 'It is hot over there, and you may not get through. I shall send Captain Avery to Sheridan, and other officers after both of you' As fast as my horse could carry me, I rode first to Gen. Wood and delivered the message. 'I didn't order them up,' said Wood, 'they started up on their own account, and they are going up, too! Tell Granger if we are supported we will take and hold the ridge!' As soon as I reached General Wood Capt. Avery got to Gen. Sheridan, and delivered his message. 'I didn't order them up,' said Sheridan, 'but we are going to take the ridge.' He then asked Avery for his flask and waved it at a group of Confederate officers standing just in front of Bragg's headquarters, with the salutation, 'Here's at you!' At once two guns—the 'Lady Breckinridge' and the 'Lady Buckner'—in front of Bragg's headquarters were fired at Sheridan and the group of officers about him. One shell struck so near as to throw dirt over Sheridan and Avery. 'Ah!' said the general, 'that is ungenerous, I shall take those guns for that!' Before Sheridan received the message taken by Capt. Avery, he had sent a staff officer to Granger to inquire whether 'the order given to take the rifle-pits meant the rifle-pits at the base, or those on the top of the ridge?' Granger told this officer that 'the order given was to take those at the base.' Conceiving this to be an order to fall back, the officer, on his way to Sheridan, gave it to General Wagner, commanding the Second Brigade of the division, which was then nearly half-way up the ridge Wagner ordered his brigade back to the rifle-pits at the base, but it only remained there till Sheridan, seeing the mistake ordered it forward. It again advanced under a terrific fire that was raking the lower part of the ridge

"The men, fighting and climbing up the steep hill, sought the roads, ravines and less rugged parts. The ground was so broken that it was impossible to keep a regular line of battle. At times their movements were in shape like the flight of migratory birds—sometimes in line, sometimes in mass, mostly in V-shaped groups, with the points toward the enemy. At these points regimental flags were flying, sometimes drooping as the bearers were shot, but never reaching the ground, for other brave hands were there to seize them Sixty flags were advancing up the hill in the faces of its defenders. Bragg was hurrying large bodies of men from his right to the center. They could be seen coming along the summit of the ridge in double-quick time Cheetham's division was being withdrawn from Sherman's front. Bragg and Hardee were at the center, doing their uttermost to encourage their troops, and urging them to stand firm and drive back the advancing enemy, now so near the summit—indeed, so near that the guns, which could not be sufficiently depressed to reach them, became useless Artillerymen were lighting the fuses of shells, and bowling them by hundreds down the hill. The critical moment arrived when the summit was just within reach. At six different points, and almost simultaneously, Sheridan's and Wood's divisions broke over the crest—Sheridan's first, near Bragg's headquarters, and in a few minutes Sheridan was beside the guns that had been fired at him, and claiming them as captures of his division. Baird's division took the works on Wood's left almost immediately afterwards, and then Johnson came upon Sheridan's right. The enemy's guns were turned upon those who still remained in the works, and soon all were in flight down the eastern slope. Baird got on the ridge just in time to change front, and oppose a large body of the enemy moving down from Bragg's right to attack our left. After a sharp engagement, that lasted until dark, he drove the enemy back beyond a high point on the north, which he at once occupied The sun had not yet gone down, Missionary Ridge was ours, and Bragg's army was broken and in flight."

PACIFIC COAST.

Serious Railroad Disaster in New Mexico.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FLOODED.

Severe Storm on Puget Sound—Brewers and Bakers on a Strike—A Chinaman may be a Bondsman in Police Court.

THE BRIDGE WAS BURNED

A New Mexico Train Plunges into a Stream, Injuring Many People.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 7.—Owing to a telegraph embargo, the particulars of a serious accident on Wednesday on the Atlantic & Pacific road, forty miles east of Dagget station, have just reached here. The east bound passenger train, three hours behind time, was rushing across the desert at the rate of forty miles an hour, and ran into an arroyo, the bridge over which had been burned, leaving the rails. The engine went over, but the jar threw the fireman out of the cab The tender went through into the shallow arroyo, forming a barricade against which the other cars ran with terrific force The mail car turned completely around, standing across the track The baggage and express car was thrown twenty feet from the track to the right and turned over. Two passenger cars were derailed, but the two Pullman cars remained on the track. A scene of frightful consternation ensued, no one believing the passengers in the overturned cars could escape death. Fireman Charles Smith was picked up unconscious, with a leg broken, spine injured, and internal injuries. He is not expected to recover.

Among the injured passengers extracted from the wrecked cars are the following Mr. Schneider, of Walla Walla, W T, contused head; terrible scalp wound in which the surgeon took three stitches. Henry C Hanson, cut and bruised about the head Ed. Thornton, contused head. A. P. Seiles, broken leg. George Beard, leg mashed P Edwards, fractured arm. Mrs. Michilan, old lady, spinal column injured P. J. Green, mail agent, shoulder dislocated. E. L. Pippin, mail agent, who was seriously injured in a former accident and was making the first trip since his injury, sustained an injury to his leg and had a foot mashed.

THE EARTHQUAKE WAS TERRIBLE

Hundreds of People Killed in Mexico—Volcanic Eruption.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—The *Call's* Guaymas, Mexico, special to-night says The earthquake on the 3d started by a terrible volcanic eruption at Babispe, which destroyed Montezuma, killed 150 persons and ignited the woods. Twenty persons were also killed at Oputo by the falling of buildings. Many people were injured at Granada and Gusabar which towns were almost completely destroyed.

VOLCANOES VOMITING FLAME—AND MORE COMING

NOGALES, A. T., May 7.—Later accounts received here tend to show that the report of a volcano having broken out in the Whetstone mountains is true.

A gentleman who arrived from Sonora says there is strong evidence of volcanic eruptions at a point about forty miles southeast of Magdalena, and confidently stated that one peak is throwing out large volumes of smoke, accompanied by streams of lava. Smoke and fire can be distinctly seen from several points along the line of the Sonora railroad. As far as can be ascertained the volcano is in the Sierra del Alamo range. From the appearance of the country and the heavy earthquakes that have occurred, it is believed that other volcanoes will break forth in a few days.

LIGHT SHAKES AT BENSON

BENSON, A. T. May 7.—The excitement caused by the recent earthquake has about subsided Light shocks occur every now and then, but create no damage and little alarm The city has experienced several shocks to-day, the heaviest one occurring at 4 30 this evening, lasting about ten seconds.

TOO MUCH WATER.

Wheatfields Inundated in Washington County—The Worst to Come.

FOREST GROVE, Or., May 7.—The unprecedented heavy rains of to-day, with those of the past week, will cause great loss to many farmers. All day long it has simply poured down. The hills this morning are torrents to-night, with no signs of the storm abating. Gale's creek and all tributaries of the Tualatin are overleaping their banks. Hundreds of acres of newly-planted wheat are inundated. All bottom lands will be submerged by to-morrow night. The loss cannot now be counted, as the worst is to come.

CALIFORNIA.

STRIKING BREWERS AND BAKERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Two strikes were begun here to-day, one at the Philadelphia brewery, where union men went out because non-union employes were not discharged Their places were promptly filled by non-union men, about thirty-five in number. The Brewers' Protective Association, composed of all the brewery proprietors of the city, at a meeting held this afternoon, declared a lockout against all union men, to go into effect immediately The other strike was by bakers, caused by the refusal of proprietors of bakeries to shorten the hours of employment and discharge non-union men. Most of the employers had complied with these demands, and the strikers number only about forty men.

All the union men, numbering about 200, employed in all the breweries of the city, were discharged to-night.

THE LAW KNOWS NO DISTINCTION

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Application was made in the police court this afternoon for the release on bonds of a Chinese merchant who was arrested last night on a charge of assault with intent to murder. Two Chinese merchants of good standing volunteered to act as bondsmen, but Judge Hornblower refused to let them qualify, holding that according to his rules no Chinaman could act as surety in his court. On a writ of habeas corpus the case was brought before Judge Murphy of the superior court, who promptly held that the law knows no distinction between Chinese and white men, and ordered that the petitioner be admitted to bail in the sum of $2000.

A COWARDLY MURDER.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., May 7.—Pedro Castro, a sheep herder, employed on the ranch of John Barrett, was shot by a man named Streiler, who owned a neighboring ranch, yesterday. A number of sheep had wandered away from Barrell's place into the ground of Streiler. The latter corralled them and demanded $10 of young Castro before returning them. Castro refused the demand, when Streiler ordered him off the place. Before Castro could say anything Streiler seized a rifle and shot the young man and fled Castro died this morning.

A CORNER IN SALMON.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—The *Call* publishes a statement that the market for the Pacific coast salmon pack this year has been cornered by W T Coleman & Co., and also states that the pack this year will be less than last year, which was a short one. On the Sacramento river the season is expected to be a total failure, and the catch on the Columbia has been very small up to date. W. T Coleman & Co have contracted for 410,000 cases; Meyer, Wilson & Co., 85,000 J K Armsby & Co., 100,000, Livingston & Co., 70,000

A PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—The success of the National Opera Company becomes more pronounced the longer it stays, and next week's performances will undoubtedly be better attended than any that have preceded them The opera of "Nero" had the most crowded houses, but is so long that those people who come from Oakland have been obliged to leave the Grand opera house before the end of the opera.

THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHING FLEET.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—The barkentine Fremont, which sailed for the Okhotsk sea on the 4th inst., will complete the codfishing fleet in the North Pacific for the current season A full list of vessels composing the fleet is as follows the John Hancock, Isabel, Czar, Dashing Wave, Constitution, Argo and Fremont. The list is four short of the number sent out last year,

AN ARMY OFFICER DEAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Col. Alanson M. Randall, of the First artillery, U. S. A., died at New Almaden, Santa Clara county, to-day, of Bright's disease, which he had contracted by exposure in the Southern states during service in the late war. Deceased had been lately removed, on account of his health, from Fort Canby to New Almaden.

HIGH WAGES TO COAST SEAMEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—A few of the coasting sailors are not satisfied with the wages paid them now, and are demanding $50 and board to go to open ports. It is thought that by July and August, when the grain fleet begins to move, the scarcity of sailors will be more marked than at present, and wages will consequently go higher still.

FORTY-THREE INDICTMENTS AGAINST ONE MAN

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Forty-three indictments pending against John S. Gray for complicity in the bar bor frauds were dismissed to-day, the indictments having been outlawed Gray was pardoned out of San Quentin some time ago by Gov. Stoneman.

THE OREGON & CALIFORNIA

An Emigrant Rate of $20—Will Take Through Baggage Hereafter

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—The Southern Pacific Railroad Company intends making the California & Oregon railroad the popular route to Portland, and for this purpose it has been decided to put on a buffet service in connection with the Portland sleepers between this city and Hornbrook The service goes into use on Monday next on the train leaving this city at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It has also been decided to issue emigrant tickets to Portland at $20, and now that staging has been so materially reduced the company have decided to take baggage on the through trip. A handsome station house and freight depot are shortly to be erected at Sissons, on the California & Oregon line.

TACOMA.

SOCIALISTS AGAINST SALOONS

TACOMA, May 7.—The International Workingmen's Association of this place have culminated a pronunciamento against saloons. It reads "Saloons must go, or, if tolerated at all, they must strictly obey the laws that govern them." An appeal is made to the knights of Labor, and all good citizens, to stand in with them in this issue

A GREAT STORM.

Storm signals were hoisted over the chamber of commerce building in response to the following telegram from San Francisco

"Signals ordered from Columbia river northward, and severe storm now central off Vancouver island." The storm was true to the prediction and raged with great violence off this point. All the wires are down and communication is interfered with between Port Townsend and Victoria. On reaching this point, most of its force had been spent, still enough remained to make a finale fitting to the unprecedented streak of bad weather that has prevailed here for a fortnight past.

FINE NEW STEAMER.

The launching of the Skagit Railway Company's steamer did not take place to-day on account of the storm and imperfect arrangements She will probably be launched Monday. The boat is 140 feet long, 26 feet beam and 6 feet depth of hold She will be propelled by triple compound engines, two high pressure cylinders, each 15 inches in diameter and 30-inch stroke, and one low pressure cylinder 30 inches in diameter and 60-inch stroke. The estimated cost of the steamer when completed is $15 000, and she is expected to be one of the finest and fastest stern-wheel boats in these waters.

THE STREET RAILWAY

Nelson Bennett and Allen C Mason, projectors of the Tacoma street railway system, were engaged to-day in getting ready to begin work on their line by Monday next. The roadbed will be prepared and then laid in readiness for the rails, which are expected to arrive from Johnstown, Pa., within three weeks from date. Mr Bennett received a telegram to day from Butte, M T, notifying him that a franchise for a street railway in that city had been granted him

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Phillip Reed, an old settler, living in the vicinity of Alderton, a station on the Cascade branch of the Northern Pacific railroad, was struck by a construction train that was backing rapidly down the track near that place early this morning His injuries are quite severe, and it is thought will prove fatal.

SAVAGELY BEATEN.

Arthur Day, a hotel waiter, was found early this morning on the sidewalk opposite the Tacoma with a leg broken and his face badly cut and beaten. He refused to give any explanation of his condition, further than that he had been badly beaten, by whom he would not say The injured man was conveyed to the Puget Sound hospital.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The horticultural exhibition to-day was a success in every particular, and closed with the election of the following officers of the society President, Henry Bucy, vice-president, A R Mann, secretary, D. C Slam treasurer, A N Miller, trustees, Wm. Lee, Frank Allen and S N Hudson.

THE OFFICIAL COUNT

The official canvass of votes polled in the recent municipal election shows the total vote to have been 966, of which Ira Towne, citizens' candidate for mayor, received 772 votes, and Jacob Mann, labor candidate, 180.

NOTES

The Tacoma Coal Company passed resolutions of respect and regret to the memory of the late ex-Gov. John N. Goodwin, who, at the time of his death, was one of the trustees of the company and its treasurer.

A personal letter from President Harris of the Northern Pacific railroad to a friend in this city states that he expects to cross the switchback with C. B. Wright on the first train on the 20th of this month.

The county auditor and corps of clerks are kept busy copying deeds and with difficulty keep up with the filings.

The steamer George E. Starr was delayed three hours in her trip from Victoria to-night. Making her landing at Port Townsend during a storm she stove in her bulwarks and sprung the deck

At the monthly meeting of the Tacoma rifle team steps were taken toward establishing a club house and securing a range. A challenge was issued to the Tacoma Guards.

FARES AND FREIGHTS

The "Chronicle" on Railroad Dishonesty.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—The Chronicle makes the following editorial comments on the subject of reducing rates on railroads. "If the Southern Pacific could not afford to reduce its coal rates in April, how can it afford to do it in May? We know of no bonanza which the company has struck in the last thirty days which should induce any sentiment of liberality, nor do we apprehend that it has developed the spirit of philanthropy to such an extent as to do business at a loss. And yet we find the Southern Pacific making sweeping reductions in rates in the southern part of the state, the reduction being in some instances more than 50 per cent on short distances." The main causes of this reduction, the journal states is owing to a new competing line, although the cause given by the railroad officials is that they hope there by to stimulate local traffic. Continuing, the journal says "It is just such things as this that make people tired and disgusted with railroad methods and corporate duplicity A railroad company goes on year after year charging high rates and protesting by all the saints in the railroad calendar that a reduction would mean nothing short of bankruptcy, until some fine day a competing road comes along, when down go rates far below even what patrons of the road had demanded, and not a word is said of financial ruin or loss to the company. If monopoly would only tell the truth and come out squarely and say that it would not reduce rates because it thinks it can make more money at high figures than at low ones, everybody would be better satisfied, but instead of that it makes a poor mouth and talks about the enormous expenses of construction and operation, the great public benefit of railroads, the proletarian hostility to invested capital, and all the old stuff of stuff, *usque ad nauseam*, when all it means is that it will not reduce its rates until it is compelled to Then it brings them down with a rush and does not lose money by it either."

NEW MEXICO

BLOODY AMERICAN VALLEY

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 7.—American valley, in socorro county, this territory, has perhaps furnished more cold blooded murderers than any spot in the southwestern region A report of another murder comes from there today, in which Wm Slaughter, one of the wealthiest stock raisers in New Mexico, was killed by two men named Youngblood and Atkins Last year Slaughter was a member of the Socorro county grand jury, and a large number of men were indicted for cattle stealing, and among them Youngblood and Atkins It was believed Slaughter was mainly instrumental in procuring the indictments, and bad blood has existed between him and the accused men ever since Yesterday, while the lifeless body of Anderson was dangling from the gallows at Socorro, Slaughter met these two men in American valley, about thirty miles from his home ranch, when an altercation took place, resulting in both men firing upon Slaughter, who was unarmed He attempted to escape from the assassins by putting the spurs to his horse, but they pursued, firing at him until he fell from the saddle, pierced by half a dozen bullets, and expired without a groan. Officers are in pursuit of the murderers.

A MURDERER HANGED.

SANTA FE, N. M., May 7.—Theodore Baker was hanged at Las Vegas yesterday for the murder of Frank S Unruh in Colfax county on the evening of December 14, 1885.

STATE DISPATCHES.

HE MEANT TO GET HALF THE PINE

SALEM, May 7.—The four gamblers who were arrested last night on complaint of one Bustin to-day waived examination and were bound over in the sum of $50. Bonds were promptly furnished It now appears that Bustin had the idea that when the gamblers were arrested and fined he would get half of the fine as informer, hence he had the gamblers arrested. He did not find out his mistake till after the arrests were made.

Carl Nicklin, the 16-year-old son of Dr. T. L. Nicklin, of Portland, last night had both bones of his right arm fractured by falling from a bicycle.

THE EAST.

The Authorship of the Parnell Forgery Disclosed.

PAUL GROTTKAU SENTENCED.

The Coming Races at Louisville—A Cheeky Policeman—Curio-Seekers Deface the Washington Monument.

THE PARNELL FORGERY.

Written by Richard Pigott, an Impecunious Journalist.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 7.—The following is furnished the associated press by John P Sutton, secretary of the Irish National League of America

John Fitzgerald, president of the Irish National League of America, recently submitted the London *Times* fac simile of the alleged Parnell letter, together with documents in the possession of Patrick Egan in the handwriting of Richard Pigott, formerly proprietor of the Dublin *Irishman*, to a committee consisting of Governor Thayer, Treasurer Willard, Auditor Babcock, Mayor Sawyer, Postmaster Watkins and the cashiers of the city banks. To day the committee reported as follows

We, the undersigned, have at the request of John Fitzgerald, president of the Irish National League of America, carefully examined the fac simile published in the London *Times*, of the 18th ult., alleged to have been written by the Hon Charles S Parnell, also letters signed Richard Pigott, addressed to Mr Patrick Egan dated June 2d, 1875, December 2 and 22 1880, January 14 1881 and March 9, 1881 also inclosure contained inside of letter of March 9 1881 and we have no hesitation in saying that the alleged fac simile and said letters and inclosures were written by the same hand

The documents referred to were a letter from Pigott, wherein he tried to blackmail the league through its United States treasurer, under pretense that he had been offered 500 shillings by, he alleged, Dublin castle, to publish a fictitious article in relation to the league fund, prepared for the purpose of discrediting the league, and a letter to him from these agents which he enclosed as proof of his statement In his letter to the treasurer of the league, Pigott said he was on the verge of financial distress and must have money. He would suppress the Dublin castle article, however, if the league would make him a temporary loan of 300 shillings Three letters and the fac simile of Parnell's alleged letter, the committee above-named believe to be in the handwriting of the same man.

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS.

THE NEW MONITORS.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Work under the contracts on the monitors Terror and Amphitrite is practically finished and the navy department is considering the nature of the tests that must be successfully undergone before the vessels are accepted by the government. The contracts provide for a sea trial for the monitors, but this requirement will doubtless be waived, as it was in the case of the monitor Puritan, built by John Roach Although the work contracted for has been executed the vessels are not in a seaworthy condition. The decks are not laid, there is no steering gear, and the sides, just above the water line, are filled with bolt holes left to secure the armor belts, which will not be ready for a long time. By the use of temporary devices these difficulties might be overcome, and the vessels made ready for sea, but it would require at least two months' work and a large outlay of money to do this. Therefore, it has been virtually decided to confine the tests to a dock trial of engines, and if the results are satisfactory, the monitors will be accepted

VANDALISM BY VISITORS TO THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The Washington monument commission this afternoon had a meeting to discuss the advisability of closing the monument to the public after June, on account of continued acts of vandalism which are perpetrated by visitors The marble is chopped in many places, while the bronze letters of the Swiss tablet have many of them been forced off and carried away as mementoes. The silver ornamentations of the Nevada stone have also been mutilated, and the commission is determined to put a stop to these disgraceful acts, even if to do it it is necessary to deny visitors entrance to the shaft.

BIG CONTRACT FOR INDIAN SUPPLIES.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Charles D. Stone, of San Francisco, has been awarded a number of contracts by the Indian bureau One is for 600 heifers for the San Carlos agency, another for barley and beef for the Nevada agency. A third for supplying over half a million pounds of flour to the San Carlos (Colorado river) school and Yuma river agencies, as well as a contract for transportation of supplies from various points to the Indian agencies on the Pacific coast He has thus far received the biggest contract of this kind He will transport all supplies from eight distributing centers to as many as sixteen different points.

THE SOLDIERS WILL LOOK OUT FOR THE BLOODS.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Acting Indian Commissioner Hawkins, in response to a request from Indian Agent Fields, at Fort Assinaboine, Montana, that traders be permitted to sell fixed ammunition to Indians on his reservation, in anticipation of an attack from the Canadian Blood Indians, in retaliation for depredations committed by the Assinaboines and Gros Ventres last year, has telegraphed that the military authorities have been advised of the contemplated raid and are presumably prepared for any emergency.

OUR TRADE WITH ABYSSINIA ENDANGERED

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The department of state has informed the treasury department that a state of war exists in Abyssinia, and that a blockade has been established on its coast from Amphila to a point opposite the islands of Dufucu. Customs officers have been instructed to give notice of the blockade to all parties in the shipment of goods to Abyssinia.

MONITORS IN GOOD REPAIR

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The naval inspection board has returned from a visit of inspection to seven monitors at City Point They were found to be all in excellent condition, four of them, the Wyandotte, Catskill, Leigh and Ajax, being ready for active service, and three, the Mahopac, Manhattan and Canonicus, being suitable for harbor defense

INTERESTED IN OUR LIFE-SAVING SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Queen Kapiolani visited the treasury department this morning and was escorted through the building by Secretary Fairchild She was particularly interested in the administration of the life saving service and desires to introduce the system into her kingdom The queen will leave Washington this afternoon for Boston.

FOR U. S. TREASURER, JAMES HYATT.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 7.—James Hyatt, national bank examiner, in company with United States Treasurer Jordan and Hon Wm Hepburn, has started for Washington It is reported here on good authority that Hyatt will succeed Jordan, and has gone to make preliminary arrangements for assumption of office.

A CALIFORNIAN TO GET THE FAT OFFICE

WASHINGTON, May 7.—There is a probability that the successor to Consul-General Walker of Paris will soon be appointed. The chances now seem to favor the selection of a Californian for this post Walker is a cousin of Bancroft, the historian.

OREGON POSTOFFICES

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Alexander M Gilleepie has been appointed postmaster at Elkinsburg, Curry county, Oregon

A new postoffice has been established at Hereford, Baker county, Oregon.

IN WALL STREET.

SPECIE EXPORTS

NEW YORK, May 7.—Exports of specie from New York for the week ending to-day amounted to $510,000, of which $183,000 was gold and $330,000 silver. The shipments to Europe amounted to $342,000, including all the silver, and $6000 in gold, and $183,000 in gold was consigned to South American points.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT

NEW YORK, May 7.—The weekly bank statement shows a reserve decrease of $2,617,000 The banks now hold $4,522,000 in excess of the rule.

THE FIRE RECORD

CATSKILL FORESTS.

ROUNDOUT, N. Y., May 7.—Forest fires in the Catskills were extinguished this morning by a heavy rainfall. None of the large hotels or boarding houses were injured last night, though several narrowly escaped destruction.

CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

A FAMOUS ANARCHIST SENTENCED

MILWAUKEE, May 7.—Paul Grottkau, the anarchist, has been sentenced to one year at hard labor in the house of correction, for making incendiary speeches last May.

NOTABLE DEAD.

CHIEF OF THE TUSCARORA INDIANS

LOCKPORT, N. Y., May 7.—John Mount Pleasant, chief of the Tuscarora Indians, died yesterday afternoon at the age of 77 years. He was chosen chief when only 17 years old.

Oregon Blood Purifier cures constipation and dyspepsia

EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A POLICEMAN IN DISGRACE

NEW YORK, May 7.—Police Superintendent Murray was dumfounded when, a few days ago, he learned that in a business house in lower Broadway a policeman in full uniform had set up a lottery and policy business of his own, and was selling tickets. Detectives were put upon the case and found the story true The policeman's name was Morris Colbert. He is assigned to the post of the Mercantile building, and thought he could increase his income somewhat by selling Louisiana lottery tickets any policy gigs. Colbert was arrested this morning and taken to police headquarters